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OCT 26 1967

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI DETROIT

6:03 PM URGENT 10/26/67 ECG

TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (25-34059)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING, DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
OCTOBER TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SELECTIVE SERVICE
MATTER.

REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR, THIS DATE.

MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHS, THIS DATE,
WAS CLOSED, HOWEVER, INTERVIEWS WITH TWO UNIDENTIFIED
PARTICIPANTS IN CLERICAL GARB, AND ONE MEMBER OF HOTEL STAFF
WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE, REFLECTS THAT THERE WERE NO DRAFT
CARD BURNINGS AT THIS MEETING.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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[REDACTED]
23 Oct. 1967 [REDACTED]

hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir -

At the September 15th meeting of the National Council of Churches general Board a policy statement on Fire-arms control was adopted.

Enclosed find a copy of the proposed statement and the final statement. In a lively debate, I succeeded in having the board delete lines 35-38 of the proposed statement, which I saw as a gratuitous insult to police, and deleterious to morale.

It is anticipated that at the next meeting of the general Board February 19-22 in San Diego a policy statement on Police will be introduced. This will in all likelihood reflect the irresponsible emotional hysteria characteristic of NCCC's customary posture.

I should like to attend to mitigate the possible adverse effects on police morale, but find/am unable to budget for a cross-country trip.

Could you, Sir, Recommend a possible source to cover such expenses?

Asking Almighty God to continue to bless you and your great indispensable works, I am, faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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OCT 30 1967

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A POLICY STATEMENT *of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America*

FIREARMS CONTROL

Adopted by the General Board
September 15, 1967

Every year an appalling number of citizens of the United States are victims of gun murders, suicides and accidents. In comparison with other Western nations, it appears that too many of these casualties reflect overly permissive firearms policies. The nation has seen an alarming tendency for extremists of all kinds to depend upon the ownership and use of firearms to determine the success of their respective causes.

The National Council of Churches reaffirms its belief in the God-given "right to life" as fundamental and sacred. In an increasingly complex and urbanized society, it is not possible to protect life and maintain public order when individuals have unregulated access to firearms.

Therefore, the General Board of the National Council of Churches records its support for strong and adequate legislation regulating the sale, transportation, ownership and use of firearms. Such legislation at the federal level should restrict the shipment and sale of firearms so as to eliminate mail-order sales to individual purchasers. It should also prohibit individual importation of all firearms with the exception of antique collectors' items. In addition, federal statutes should limit purchases of pistols to those persons over 21 years of age and of rifles to those over 18. Firearms manufacturers and dealers should be required to pay adequate federal license fees and be of reputable character and without criminal record.

Both federal and state governments should enact measures or broader existing legislation which outlaw private

possession and transportation of destructive devices such as ironbombs, fire bombs, bazookas, mortars, and suitcase guns.

States should require a permit for the purchase, ownership, possession and use of firearms in order to complement federal action. Permit requirements ought to incorporate proper identification of applicant (by the fingerprint method if possible), and a waiting period prior to issuance so that an adequate check can be made of the prospective purchaser to verify such matters as age, absence of mental illness, and lack of a felony record.

The states should institute appropriate procedures for the registration of all firearms and their owners. Failing action on these matters by the states, the federal government should take suitable action.

Federal, state and local legislation should incorporate firearms policies which protect and sustain the public interest rather than the special interest of any private group or sector of society.

We are fully aware that firearms control legislation does not take the place of constructive measures to eliminate the causes of crime and social dis-organization. It does, however, represent a long overdue measure which might have prevented much tragic loss of life.

119 FOR; 4 AGAINST; 0 ABSTENTION.

For presentation to the
General Board
September 14 and 15, 1967

PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT
ON

Local Govt -2-

24 States should require a permit for the purchase, ownership, possession
25 and use of firearms in order to complement federal action. Permit requirements
26 ought to incorporate proper identification of applicant (by the fingerprint
27 method if possible), and a waiting period prior to issuance so that an adequate
28 check can be made of the prospective purchaser to verify such matters as age,
29 absence of mental illness, and lack of a felony record.

30 The states should institute appropriate procedures for the registration of
31 all firearms and their owners. Failing action on these matters by the states,
32 the federal government should take suitable action.

33 Federal, state and local legislation should incorporate firearms policies
34 which protect and sustain the public interest rather than the special interest
35 of any private group or sector of society. At the same time the police, the
36 National Guard and other bodies entrusted by society with the possession and
37 use of firearms, should be trained in proper restraint in the use of such
38 weapons.

39 We are fully aware that firearms control legislation does not take the
40 place of constructive measures to eliminate the causes of crime and social dis-
41 organization. It does, however, represent a long overdue measure which might
42 have prevented much tragic loss of life.

October 23, 1967

REC-75

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of October 16th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 30
OCT 23 1967
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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[REDACTED]
October 16, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am on a committee to study the church school literature of our local Methodist Church. As you know, much of this material comes from the National Council of Churches.

Will you please send me pertinent material on the National Council of Churches, material on infiltration of churches by Communists or directions as to where I can obtain such information.

I would appreciate any suggestions you could make as to the type of things we should be aware of in making this study.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

REC-75

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October 10, 1967

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of October 2nd, I regret I cannot comply with your request for this Bureau has no list for distribution such as you are seeking.

With regard to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to either the National Council of Churches or the Methodist Church.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Neither the telephone directory nor available reference material gives any indication as to whether [REDACTED] is a minister.

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October 2, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I understand that a list is available from your office which indicates with names those persons who write religious article who, also, have communist affiliations. If such a list is available I would like very much to have a copy.

I am constantly hearing charges made which I find difficult to accept. If you have any information along this line which concerns the Methodist Church and/or the National Council of Churches I would appreciate knowing about it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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October 4, 1967

REC-14

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of September 28th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 19
OCT 11 1967
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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OCT 10 1967

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

September 29, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

What is the status quo of the National Council of Churches, its subordinate organizations, affiliated denominations, and the leaders of such organizations and denominations with respect to communism or communistic activities, particularly the infiltration in churches and educational institutions?

Very sincerely yours,

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REC-14 10 OCT 5 1967

September 27, 1967

REC-64

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 23rd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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MAILED 10
SEP 27 1967
COMM-FBI

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4 OCT 6 1967

TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I heard a news report on the radio about the National Council of Churches being on the communist side. Will you please send me any information you have about this. Our churches are merging into this very fast. I want to know what their aim is & all I can find out about them.

Sincerely

A large, solid black rectangular redaction covers the signature area of the letter.

REC-64

1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read a news report on the radio about the National Council of Churches being authorized to meet and I'll give you some information you have about this. Our churches are merging into this very fast. I want to know what their view is on all these kind of things about them.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature and address]

10/18/50

September 27, 1967

REC-64

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 22nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 19
SEP 27 1967
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles reflect during 1960 [REDACTED] wrote to the Director requesting material on the crime problem. The Director's letter of 4-29-60 forwarded literature to him.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

September 22, 1967

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the local Methodist Church. The Methodist Church helps to support the National Council of Churches. I have heard in recent months rumors that the National Council of Churches might be supporting organizations that are sympathetic to or serving as fronts for communism.

Please advise me if you have any information to indicate that the National Council of Churches is directly or indirectly involved in the support of organizations that might be considered subversive.

I will appreciate your getting this information to me by October 15.

Very truly yours,

LLS/brw

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EX 108

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RESPONDENCE

September 22, 1967

REC 8

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 15th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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MAIL ROOM: TELETYPE UNIT:

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September 15, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is there any information that you can release to me about the National Council of Churches; Whether or not it has Communist element in it?, is it involved in any of the riots we are having in this country, or any action that is contrary to Christian behavior?

The Presbyterian Church that I belong to has for some time supported the National Council of Churches, but, with some reservations, due to some of its policies and some of its work being questionable. It's for these reasons I would like this information and will be most grateful to you if you can be of any help to me.

Thanking you,

With kindest regards,



REC 8

SEP 22 1967

September 20, 1967

REC 3

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 14th and want to thank you for the generous comments and kind sentiments you expressed concerning my work.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. I can assure you, however, that I have not made any statements regarding this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 5
SEP 20 1967
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles disclose one [REDACTED] wrote the Bureau during October, 1957, and requested the Director make a speech before the Abraham Lincoln Council of Boy Scouts. This invitation was declined.

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September 14, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover,

I have never written to you before and therefore, I wish to begin by stating the deep respect and admiration I have for you as a person and for what you have accomplished through the FBI. I also want to state how much I personally and I know millions of others appreciate your influence upon the moral climate of our nation. May God give you strength to continue in your important calling.

My purpose in writing to you is due to the fact that, from time to time, I am confronted by people who allege that the Clergy of the United States and that specifically the National Council of Churches is infected with Communistic influence and that there are people within its organization who are Communistic in their philosophy. Very often, to back up their statements, they use the name of J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI as having made these charges. I would appreciate it if I could have some information as to what you may or may not have said in these matters or if you could refer me to where I could find copies of any statements you may have made in this regard that I might study them.

I apologize for making this demand upon your time and the time of your staff. If it is possible I would appreciate any help you might give me.

Sincerely,



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SEP 21 1967

CORRESPONDENCE

September 11, 1967

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EX-102

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 4th and certainly appreciate your generous remarks regarding my work.

In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice; therefore, I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking. I trust you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 5
SEP 11 1967
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] on the basis of available data. Self-addressed stamped envelope furnished by correspondent being used in reply.

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SEP 13 1967

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
Sept 4, 1967

Mr. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Mr. Hoover, I am asking you a few questions. I have been reading the R. S. V. Bible, and many people claim it is much better Bible than the King James. But to me I think it is rotten. There are so many verses left out. The R. S. V. Bible leaves Christ in the grave, and it says Joseph is the father of the Lord Jesus Christ. King James say in Col. 1:14 that we have redemption through His blood. But the R. S. V. leave the blood out. Is it true that our Nation is going Red through the National Council of Churches? Is the National Council of Churches a Communist Front? I hear that there is a Communist Front in the Methodist Church. Is that true? Is it true that 30 of the translators of the R. S. V. Bible are connected or belong to Communist Fronts? When they tried Bishop Oxnam was he found guilty of preaching Communism, and being a fellow Traveler with the Communist? I read in a pamphlet that 4 Methodist Bishops belong to Communist Fronts is that true and what are their names? I belong to the Methodist at one time, but they got so rotten I got out of it. I appreciate the many good things you have done for the U. S. A. and wish we had millions like you. Please answer all these questions on a type writer. I am willing to pay you for the information. I am your true friend and a True American.

Yours Truly

/s/

ADDRESS PER ENVELOPE:
[REDACTED]

REC 32

AFTER 8 DAYS RETURN TO
[REDACTED]

Sept 4, 1967

Mr. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Mr. Hoover, I am asking you a few questions. I have been reading the R.S.V. Bible, and many people claim it is much better Bible than the King James, but to me I think it is better. There are so many verses left out. The R.S.V. Bible leaves Christ in the grave, and it says Joseph is the father of the Lord Jesus Christ. King James says in Col. 1:14 that we have redemption through His blood. But the R.S.V. leaves the blood out. Is it true that our nation is going Red through the National Council of Churches? Is the National Council of Churches a Communist front? I hear that there is a Communist front in the Methodist Church, is that true? Is it true that 30 of the Translators of the R.S.V. Bible are connected or belong to Communist fronts? When they tried Bishop Oxnam was he found guilty of preaching Communism, and being a fellow traveler with the Communist? I read in a pamphlet that 4 Methodist Bishops belong to Communist fronts is that true and what are their names? I belong to the Methodist at one time, but they got so rotten I got out of it. I appreciate the many good things you have done for the U.S.A. and wish we had millions like you. Please answer all these questions. I am a typewriter. I am willing to pay you for the information. I am your true friend and a True American.

Oct 9, 1967

Yours Truly

CONFIDENTIAL

August 1, 1967

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[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 27th has been received.

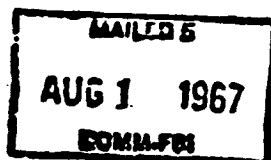
In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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AUG 9 1967

MAIL ROOM: TELETYPE UNIT

July 27, 1967

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I understand the Communists are quite
active in the National Council of Churches.

Is this true or false?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

RBC/am

EX-102

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AUG 2 1967

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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July 21, 1967

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of July 17th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in files.

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JUL 21 1967
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

TRUE COPY

July 17 - 1967

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: -

I would like some literature from your office,
or word from you directly, regarding the National Council of
Churches.

We are to have a discussion soon on the matter,
and our church is a member of that organization.

Is there any truth in it being dominated by com-
munist. I myself don't doubt it, but I am afraid several in our
Church do.

I would appreciate an early reply.

Thank you and

Yours Truly

/s/

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JUL 21 1967



July 17-1967

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: - I would like some literature
from your office, or word from you directly,
regarding the National Council of Churches.

We are to have a discussion soon on the
matter, and our church is a member of that
organization.

Is there any truth in it being dominated
by communists, I myself don't doubt it, but
I am afraid several in our Church do.

I would appreciate an early reply

Thank you and

Yours Truly

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7-21-67
AGH:KJC

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June 14, 1967

DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. JUSTICE DEPT.
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I belong to the Lutheran Church in America Synod
of the Lutheran Church and our Synod supports
the National Council Of Churches.

Our congregation has been told that the F B I
investigated the National Council Of Churches
and found it to be free of Communist influence
and activity. Would you please comment on
this and send me any information that might be
of interest.

Sincerely yours,



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REC 54

JUN 20 1967

REC- 52

July 3, 1967

[REDACTED]

Dear

I have received your letter of June 28th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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[REDACTED]
28 June 1967

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Penn. Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Sir:

Does the FBI have any evidence to substantiate the many rumours that the Communist have infiltrated the National Council of Churches? If so-to what degree?

Any information you can give me on this subject would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

REC-52

June 28, 1967

EC-3

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 24th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondence.

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am the Minister of the First Methodist Church, [REDACTED] I would like some information to remove a fear [REDACTED] in the minds of some of my membership.

Do you have records, or suspicion that the National Council of Churches may be a tool for the Communistic forces? Do you have records, or suspicions that Communist are on the inside of the N. C. C. ? Do you have records or suspicions that Communist are identified with the National Council of Churches?

I would appreciate and answer at your earliest convenience.

I have had dealings with the N. C. C and experienced many wonderful things they have done. I would like to remove all doubt and suspicion from the minds of some of my people in order to get on with the Work and Calling of the Church.

Sincerely


/s/

[REDACTED]


REC-9

10 JUN 30 1967




Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am the minister of the First
Methodist Church,  I would
like some information to remove a
fear that is in the minds of some
of my membership.

Do you have records, or suspicion
that the National Council of Churches
may be a tool for the Communist
forces? Do you have records, or
suspicions that Communists are on
the inside of the N.C.C.? Do
you have records or suspicions.

[REDACTED]

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the National Council of Churches?

I would appreciate and insure
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I have had dealings with the N.C.C.
and experience a many wonderful things
they have done. I would like
to remove all doubt and suspicion
from the minds of some of my
people in order to get on with
the work and calling of the Church.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

REC-75

June 26, 1967

100-50869 - 1542

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 20th.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

June 20, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have in our Church School a teenage [REDACTED] whose uncle is a member of the John Birch Society. I think [REDACTED] belongs to their youth organization.

As I was soliciting memberships for our local United Church Women, he brought me an article to read attacking the organization & their stand in support of the United Nations.

Each Sunday he would bring me another article to read about the United Nations or the National Council of Churches as I am interested in all three of these organizations.

He claims all the Presidents of the National Council have been Communist sympathizers. Knowing some of these men & many who hold important positions I know these statements are untrue.

REC-75

15 JUN 27 1967

I have brought him literature defending these organizations but he won't be influenced by anything I say.

Will you please send me a statement concerning your investigation or opinion of the National Council of Churches? This may have some effect on his thinking although he said you could be wrong too.

Sincerely yours,



June 20, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have in our Church School a
teenager [redacted] whose uncle
is a member of the John Birch Society.
I think [redacted] belongs to their
youth organization.

As I was soliciting memberships
for our local United Church Women, he
brought me an article to read
attacking the organization's their
stance in support of the United Nations.

Each Sunday he would bring me
another article to read about the
United Nations or the National
Council of Churches as I am interested.

in all three of these organizations.

He claims all the Presidents of the National Council have been Communist sympathizers. Knowing some of these men & many who hold important positions I know these statements are untrue.

I have brought him literature defending these organizations but he won't be influenced by anything I say.

Will you please send me a statement concerning your investigation or sinic of the National Council of Churches? This may have some effect on his thinking although he said you could be wrong too.

Sincerely yours,



June 21, 1967

REC 48

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 15th.

In response to your inquiry, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of either the correspondent or Freedom Voice. The name [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. [REDACTED] is a former [REDACTED]

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June 15, 1967

F. B. I. Washginton D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would like some information about the material sent out by the
"Freedom Voice" 1332 Chestnut St. Muskegou, Michigan. In regard to the
National Council of Churches--awaiting your reply-

Sincerely

P.S. The names Kenneth Weir also Michael Goleniewski also J. Edgar
Hoover are contained in the material.

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7. B. I. Washington D.C.

June 15 1961

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Sincerely
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P.S. The names Kenneth Weir also Michael Golunewski also of Edgar Hoover are contained in the material.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

June 16, 1967

VIETNAM SUMMER

The June 1967 issue of "Four Lights" published by the United States Section, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), contains an article captioned "'Vietnam Summer' Is Plan to Reach Grass Roots, MARTIN LUTHER KING Heads Drive to Put 10,000 Workers into Field," which states in part as follows:

"Vietnam Summer is a call for 10,000 volunteers to spend the summer in 500 communities organizing and educating against the war. The goal is to reach the millions of citizens in communities across the country who oppose the war in Vietnam but whose voices have not been heard. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's call for Vietnam Summer is supported by Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK, ROBERT SCHEER, Dr. JOHN C. BENNETT, Dr. ALBERT SZENT-GYORGI, Archbishop PAUL J. HALLINAN, Rabbi ABRAHAM HESCHEL and many others. The recommendation is to set up ad hoc committees in every community to 1) conduct draft education, 2) carry on a door to door educational campaign, 3) call congressmen home for hearings on the Vietnam war, 4) set up discussion groups in public places. Each community is to decide on plans adaptable to their specific areas.

"Teams of representatives of peace organizations visited key cities during the week of May 8 where they met with peace and other leaders to initiate ad hoc committees. JO GRAHAM participated in the Baltimore meeting and MILDRED SCOTT OLMSTED attended the meetings in Columbus, Ohio and Chicago. There will be training sessions for major leaders. There will be leaflets and other material. Also, we can and should use WILPF literature such as Peace in Vietnam and our latest flyer We Are Heading Toward World Destruction. Among study guides available are Peace Is Possible by ELIZABETH JAY HOLLINS and an



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VIETNAM SUMMER

"excellent course prepared by the National Council of Churches. Ongoing projects, such as Negotiation Now! should be continued along with the Vietnam Summer.

"In 1964, the Mississippi Freedom Summer project mobilized thousands of students, clergymen and concerned citizens in the struggle against racial injustice. Now is the time for a massive effort to arouse the conscience of the nation - this time against the illegal and immoral war in Vietnam. ..."

REC 99

May 22, 1937

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received the letter of May 15th from you and your husband.

With respect to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

You may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Neither correspondent nor her husband is identifiable in Bufiles.

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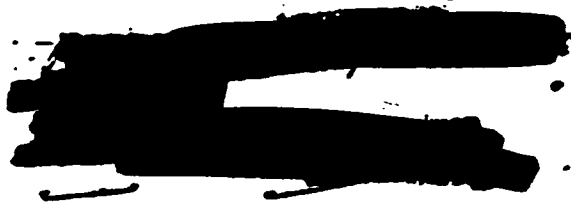
J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I've been talking to a fellow at work and he seems to know what he was talking about during the discussion he said the National Churches Council was a subversive organization with communistic members. I was wondering if that is true and if there's anything published where I could find if it's true and if there are any other subversive organizations. Also what do you think of the John Birch Society is it subversive or is it a very patriotic organization.

Love


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MAY 24 1967

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I've been talking to a fellow at work and he seems to know what he was talking about during the discussion he said the National Church Council was a subversive organization with Communist Members. I was wondering if that is true and if there is anything published where I could find if it's true and if there are any other subversive organizations Also what do you think of the John Birch Society is it subversive or is it a very patriotic organization.

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May 23, 1967

REC 99

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 18th.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

W. Edgar Hoover

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TELEPHONE 202-3443

May 18, 1967

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Hoover:

I have been reading some material on the National Council of Churches in the hope of being better informed on the organization.

A book I recently read was the report of the Vestry Committee of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. Their finding, in summation, state that it is an aid to the communist conspiracy because of their stands against right to work laws--in favor of seating Red China in the U.N.--for Medicare--increase foreign aid to Communist countrys, and abolition of the House Committee of Unamerican Activities. They also state the Board of the NCC speaks for 39 million protestants, who they do not truly represent.

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If all of their findings are true, I am deeply concerned that an organization using the name of the church may be tampering with the Soul of America.

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Would you please furnish me with any information you might have, and the results of your findings.

Sincerely, MAY 24 1967

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May 17, 1967

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 11th, with enclosure. In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the Methodist Church.

I regret I can suggest no source for the information you have requested. I am returning your enclosure to you since you may desire to have it for your own use.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAY 17 1967
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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles, and there is no record of the Methodist Layman's Coordinating Committee.

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- Mr. DeLoach _____
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May 1, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I have been asked to serve as organizer in this area for the Methodist Laymans Co-Ordinating Committee. I am enclosing a membership card which states the committees purposes, I was elected into this position of leadership at a meeting the other night, the National Council of Churches became a heated topic of conversation, the ministers and the district superentendent stated that the Methodist church had investigated the National Council of Churches and found no wrong, or dangerous communist element in them.

I feel they have made their investigation with unqualified, incompetent personal, we are in need of facts, and feel our church is saturated with both Communist and Communist fellow travelers.

I as an American have great faith in the F.B.I. and feel your organization and the information received from your organization is fact and truth. It is my understanding the committee we are forming is to work against those trends which encourage infiltration of our churches with communist doctrine thru Methodist- Church and Sunday School, literature, thru ministers and all phases of church work.

Having committed myself to this work, to be effective, it will be nessary to work with fact and truth, only then can I work with confidence, and the assurance in knowing our cause is right.

I will appreciate any information which it is permissable for you to send on the National Council of Churches, anything which would be helpful in our work. Also anything on the Methodist Church and any elements which we should not put confidence in. If this information is not available to our group- Please let us know where we can obtain such material that is reliable. Thanking you sincerely for your tireless trouble, help and any consideration shown this letter and our
sincerely,

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Yours,

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May 10, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 5th and am pleased you found my book to be of interest.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

NOTE: Correspondent's address per telephone directory.

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- _____ Casper
- _____ Callahan
- _____ Conrad
- _____ Felt
- _____ Gale
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May 5, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your late book and will use it in the cause
for which it was written.

I would like for you to furnish me with UNREFUTABLE
evidence regarding the National Council of Churches.
A friend of mine contends it is not communistic.

Thank you,

[Redacted signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-12-67

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages H5346-H5348. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, spoke concerning the involvement of ministers in various activities. He requested to have printed in the Record an editorial from the April 29, 1967, Baton Rouge State Times entitled "Not The Voice of America" and an article entitled "Is the NCC Really Soft on Communism?" written by David A. Noebel and published in the Christian Crusader for January 1967. The article in the Crusader comments on the operation of the National Council of Churches (NCC) pointing out it is really two organizations in one. The General Board and General Assembly are composed of denominational representatives. The article states "It is, in fact, the full-time professional staff that comprises the 'hidden' NCC. These individuals form the bureaucratic and policy-making structure of the organization - - - ." This article makes reference to a pamphlet issued by "NCC Number Two" in connection with the motion picture "Operation Abolition." The article points out that one is left with the impression that this pamphlet was actually endorsed by the General Board. "However, one page later we are tersely advised, 'The following material is not to be construed as reflecting the attitudes or position of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. "' The pamphlet was distributed by "NCC Number Two." Mr. Noebel goes on to state "The actual disposition of the professional staff was revealed more fully when this writer wrote the NCC Office of Information and asked for material concerning Operation Abolition. What should return but a malevolent article sent out by the National Council from the pro-Communist New York Post referring to the FBI Director as follows: 'The highest secular authority on matters of faith and morals in the U. S. is J. Edgar Hoover, horse player and wrestling fan.' (New York Post, May 4, 1961)" Mr. Noebel also stated "Herbert A. Philbrick, former FBI agent within the Communist Party and still a top authority on the subject, related in a recent article how the Communists planned to make the World Council of Churches toe the Communist line." He quoted from an article by Mr. Philbrick which appeared in the Manchester Union Leader, May 13, 1966.

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 5-11-67 was reviewed and pertinent items were NOT RECORDED marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed

5 in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

April 27, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 21st.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

April 21, 1967

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J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. O FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Forgive me for taking up your time with what may seem of small importance to you but is of major importance to me and I believe of a large concern of many many of my fellow church members.

There has been very strong rumors as to the full support of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, toward the Communist cause. I must confess that I have never been one to read the complete news of all the doings and have no source other than you to turn to for an accurate account of the Communistic control in this organization. This is becoming more and more a source of great discontent in our church, the First Baptist Church of [redacted] which was at one time as I understand it, a fully cooperative member of the American Baptist Convention before this discontent became so prominent. Such discontent could even grow into a major split of our church which I would regret very much to see happen.

Do you have and could you give me the names of active Communists and their position held in the National Council of the Churches? Or at least could you give detailed account as to some definite actions that this group has done to aid and further the Communist cause? I like to feel that in these United States, any person or organization is still innocent until proven guilty. I do not favor destruction of anyone or anything by way of a whispering campaign. I am proud of my American heritage as well as my Christian heritage and belief, and certainly would not want to help in any way to further communism any place. So would certainly appreciate any information you could give me regarding the presence of Communistic control and action within the structure of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, and if there is, any suggestion you could offer to best rid this condition from its midst, that could be done by people such as myself, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, for your dependability and cooperation in this matter, I remain a very concerned Christian worker to Christ's cause and not to Communism.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

P.S. I am at present the 4th grade Sunday School apt and teacher and the Dean of Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of [redacted] Judson Press materials are affiliated with the National Council of Churches as is the Revised Versic of the Bible and causing a direct conflict to our people.

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April 25, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 20th.

Although I can understand your concern and would like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot comment on the matters about which you have inquired.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is possibly identical with one [REDACTED] who was the subject of an Atomic Energy Act - Applicant investigation in 1954 in which no derogatory information was developed. Stormer and his book are well known to the Bureau.

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[REDACTED]
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April 20, 1967

Honorable Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
 Director,
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Having never corresponded with your office before, I feel somewhat remiss about this letter. Realizing the magnitude and importance of your office to the welfare of our country, hesitantly I ask your guidance and assistance with the following.

I am a member of the Official board (policy making board) of a local Methodist Church who have recently "investigated" the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. The Methodist Church, by local or individual congregation option, supports this organization by way of district and conference claims to the local budget. I believe the reasons for this investigation stems from the many charges and rumors (X) of Communist infiltration into the governing body and staff of the National Council of Churches (NCC).

As you may be aware, many Methodist Churches and probably other denominations have and are withdrawing support from this organization for these supposed charges. I think these church actions may be a case of follow the leader and may have resulted from right wing literature. John A. Stormer's "None Dare Call It Treason", Liberty Bell Press of Florissant, Missouri, would certainly bring action if taken at face value. Stormer entitled one section of this book, "Subverting Our Religious Heritage, pages 125-133. Stormer quotes from some articles in this section and gives reference to you."

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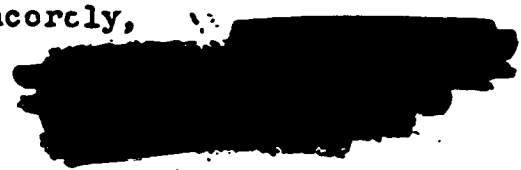
What I would like to know is:

- (1) How many known Communists or sympathizers are on the policy making board of the National Council of Churches? Are names available?
- (2) How many known Communists or sympathizers are on the staff (employees) of the National Council of Churches? Are names available?
- (3) What is your opinion of the involvement of the National Council of Churches in racial matters; i.e., members officially participating in marches, sponsoring training camps for marchers, etc? Also your opinion on the NCC's involvement in labor and politics; i.e., lobbying in Congress in favor of "right to work laws", etc? Do you think these actions are or could be Communist dupes? It seems to me these areas are within the bounds of Christian social action, but how can one be sure of the true motivation for involvement?
- (4) How many known Communists or sympathizers are in the ministry of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church? Are names available?
- (5) How well have the Communists infiltrated the Methodist Church? In members, literature, etc?
- (6) How well have the Communists infiltrated our public and private schools? The IIA?
- (7) What is your opinion of the value of withdrawing recognition and support from the National Council of Churches in order to combat subversion? Isn't it possible to do our own country more harm and give the Communists aid by this action? How does one find the real truth?

Some of the questions may sound "loaded", but believe me they are not meant to be. I am sincerely interested in enlightenment and feel your sound, knowledgeable judgement or opinion will give me this enlightenment. I am most confused by what I hear discussion-wise and by what I read.

Any further advice or guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and for your great service to our country.

Sincerely,

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April 17, 1967

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 12th and want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my work.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles although a [Redacted] received an outgoing letter of 1/24/62 in which she was furnished the name and address of the publishers of "Masters of Deceit."

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April 12, 1967

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hate to bother you as I know how busy you are, but I need some information desperately, and think you can help me. I feel that you are the most well informed man in the United States today on the infiltration of communists in our country.

Do you have, or can you direct me to someone who can give me information on the communistic infiltration of the National Council of Churches? We are trying to educate the people in our church that ~~this is a~~ know fact, and naturally we have to have facts to prove it to them, our biggest concern is the men with communistic affiliations who helped write, or should I say translated the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. I have read it in the H.U.A.C. report, but thought by chance you could give me more to go on.

Any consideration you can give me on this will be very greatly appreciated, as things are really boiling here now.

Very Sincerely

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Honorable Richard H. Ichord
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of April 11th together with the copies of the letters from your constituent, [REDACTED]

In response to your request, although I certainly would like to be of assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and regret that I cannot comment as you desire. However, I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

With regard to the Metropolitan Music School, Inc., organization, as you are aware, it has been cited by your Committee.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Congressman Ichord. Our relations with him have been limited but cordial. The Congressman's letter makes inquiry as to whether the National Council of Churches and the Metropolitan Music School, Inc., are subversive; however, this is apparently for his own information as the letter from [REDACTED] makes no such inquiry. [REDACTED] letter concerns the tax exempt status of these organizations. It is noted that on his letterhead Congressman Ichord lists membership on the House Un-American Activities Committee. Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED]. The Metropolitan Music School, Inc., has been cited on page 108 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

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RICHARD H. ICHORD
8TH DISTRICT, MISSOURI

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

1427 LONGWORTH HOUSE
OFFICE BUILDING
TELEPHONE: 523-5153

DISTRICT OFFICE:
HENRY, MISSOURI
BILL SPONLER
FIELD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

April 11, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached copy of a letter from [REDACTED] will be self-explanatory.

Will you please advise me if either of the organizations mentioned have been found to be of subversive character and thus designated. I will appreciate your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Ichord
Member of Congress

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CORRESPONDENCE

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April 3, 1967

Hon. Richard H. Ichord
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

In reply to your letter of March 20, 1967.

Allow me to thank you for your efforts in my behalf. Also, via your office, may my thanks be expressed to Commissioner Cohen and his staff for efforts explaining why the Metropolitan Music School, Inc. and the National Council of Churches have not had their Tax Exempt Status removed.

However, would you please have Commissioner Cohen explain why a subversive organization (Metropolitan Music School, Inc.) and a church? organization the National Council of Churches can attempt to influence legislation and legislators and NOT have their Tax Exempt Status revoked?

Clearly the Metropolitan Music School, Inc. and the National Council of Churches have not adhered to their stated purposes and objectives upon organization.

On April 8, 1964 the NCC sent a letter to the Hon. Charles M. C. Mathias, Jr., House Office Bldg, Washington, D. C. seeking to influence legislation concerning School Prayers. It was this very piece of legislation that set off the investigation by the IRS of Christian Crusade.

Apparently, some organizations can do no wrong and some can do no right?

Respectfully,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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April 3, 1967

**Hon. Richard H. Ichord
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Congressman:

It is obvious to me that there is a double standard of dealing with various organizations as to Tax Exempt Status. There have been many instances of religious organizations, in the past three or four years, attempting to influence legislation. Vietnam, Civil Rights, School Prayers (The 1st Amendment) are only a few items.

When one organization's tax exemption is taken away and another's is not and both have openly attempted to influence the same piece of legislation then, it seems to me, some congressmen should find out why and bring justice back to the country they have sworn to uphold.

Please accept my thanks for your consideration of this matter in the past and may I hope to have a reply at your convenience?

Respectfully,


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March 21, 1967

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 21st.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 21, 1967

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Public Information
Washington, D. C.**

Gentlemen:

Would you have any printed information concerning the National Council of Churches and whether or not it has been infiltrated by the Communists?

We belong to the United Church of Christ and it is affiliated with the National Council of Churches. Recently a controversy has arisen within one local church as to whether the N.C.C. is pro-Communist or not. We've heard radical opinions from both sides and would like true facts on this.

Has this organization been checked out at any time and would you have any documented information on this? I would appreciate any help you could give me on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

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March 21, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Public Information
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Would you have any pertinent information concerning the National Council of Churches and whether or not it has been infiltrated by the Communists?

We belong to the United Church of Christ and it is affiliated with the National Council of Churches. Recently a controversy has arisen within our local church as to whether the N.C.C. is pro-Communist or not. We're weary of radical opinions from both sides and would like true facts on this. Has this organization been checked

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

Your letter of March 17th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you

will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondence. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

March 17, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have been having some discussion in our church concerning the old General Council of Churches and the present National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. The discussion centers around the fact that some people believe the organizations involved to be Communist organs and that they have infected many if not all churches affiliated with them. I know the department is fully informed upon such matters and is authoritative on this subject, which, I frankly admit I am not, but desire to know the truth involved in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 17th, with enclosure.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (3)
Director's Testimony 2/10/68 Re CP, USA
Communism and The Knowledge to Combat It
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The enclosure was the pamphlet "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" published by the American Council of Christian Laymen and has been previously brought to Bureau's attention.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

17 March 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Subject: "How Red is the National Council of Churches?"

PAMPHLET

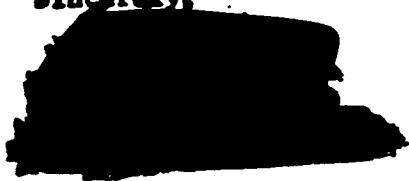
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Herewith is a list of various members, prepared by the Laymen's Commission of The American Council of Christian Churches.

I am wondering if someone in your organization can advise me if this list is accurate? Further, is it current? That is, are most of the people listed here still living?

I am concerned with what seems to me to be the growing communist control of our country. What can I do to off-set it?

Sincerely,



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March 17, 1967

EX 106

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 13th.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I can assure you that no representative of this Bureau made the statement regarding the National Council of Churches attributed to the FBI in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NCTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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13 March 1967

Dear Sir,

Recently the youth group at my church got into a discussion about The National Council of Churches. I have often upheld this group in discussions and realize it has numerous faults, but in this discussion one of our leaders brought in information supposedly proving that The National Council of Churches was in reality a communist front organization. In supporting this thesis they quoted the FBI as a reference. I was to say the least, shocked. I am a third class personnelman in the U. S. Navy and consider myself an American in every sense of the word and certainly do not want my name associated with any subversive organizations. My question is do your records indicate that this organization is in fact a communist front? I would appreciate any information you could send me and would gladly pay any postage COD.

I realize your job is far more important than answering my questions and certainly appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

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March 18, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 14th.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches or the American Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. American Council of Churches has not been investigated by the Bureau. The last inquiry concerning it was in 1951.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
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Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
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Miss Holmes _____
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Mr J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

Can you or Will you tell me
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are subversive if they are

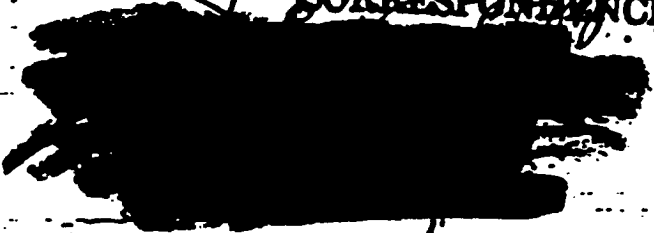
American council of churches
national council of churches

I am concerned and have heard
so much pro & con

I want to be sure if possible
to know what I am talking about.

Thank you

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Mar 14/67

Mr J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

Can you or will you tell me which one of these
council are subversive if they are

American council of churches
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I am concerned and have heard so much pro
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I want to be sure if possible to know what I am
talking about.

Thank you

/s/ 



March 15, 1967

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 7th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. You may be certain that we in the FBI share your concern and are doing everything within our jurisdiction to combat the crime problem in this country.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of the most recent issue of our Uniform Crime Reports bulletin, together with other publications which I hope will be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (3)

- A Primer For Today
- Crime Challenges The Churches
- The Crime Problem
- Respect for Law
- The Role of the Citizen in Law Enforcement

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [Redacted]

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
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- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
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- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

March 7, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

In reading some of your public expressions of concern I conclude that you are in the forefront of those in this country who are deeply concerned with the spiraling crime rate that is presently in progress. I feel that you are also vitally interested in doing what you can to slow down or stop this trend and are in a position to lend aid to others who are interested in such an effort and this is why I am writing you.

I am a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches and am disturbed that this organization has not spoken out in this area. I am also disturbed that so much of the effort at correction of the problem seems to be concerned with more laws, more law enforcement, etc. and although these are all very well, it seems to me that something should be said about each individual's responsibility in this and how much of this crime can be stopped only by each individual's re-evaluation of his own moral posture and coming to a decision that sometimes "getting by" or "getting away with" something is an immoral, criminal act. I think that there are others who are better able to make decisions about law enforcement but I think that it is certainly a duty and responsibility of the churches to speak out loud and clear on the moral side of the issue, especially to individuals.

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Could you help me? I need any type of information that you feel would be helpful but most especially, I would think, information about the number of people who are convicted of income tax evasion, embezzlement, fraud, and those types of crime where the individual deliberately makes false statements for his own gain and does not usually consider this a criminal act in the more widely used sense of this term as armed robbery, for example. These acts are usually, I would think, of a solitary nature and involve only one person. The victim is a large institution or even our government and makes the act even more solitary because in this case the victim is not even an identifiable personality. I feel very strongly that this type of crime is doing much to speed the moral decay of this country.

I have not made any type of formal statement yet as I am still very much in the formulative stage. I would appreciate very much information such as I have mentioned or any that you feel would be helpful. If you have other ideas on this subject, I would be delighted to hear them.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain

Sincerely,

March 7, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 27th, with enclosures.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

February 27, 1967.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

By way of introduction, my name is [REDACTED] and
as you will notice on the attached bulletin, Chairman of
The Board of Deacons of the First Congregational Church of
[REDACTED]

This Church is affiliated with the National Council of
Churches.

Some of our members have stated, and with some documentary
material, that the National Council of Churches is of a sub-
versive nature; Communist infiltrated, and/or Communist
controlled. They further state Harry E. Ward was the
organizer of the National Council of Churches, and a known
Communist.

Do you have anything on a Dr. Eugene Carson Blake regarding
his political status?

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, now President of the National Council
of Churches, is also President of the University of Oregon.
Do you have anything on his political status?

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Obviously, Mr. Hoover, we would not want to be aligned with any organization with a subversive background!

Your answer will determine my report to the Board, and will be appreciated.

Best wishes for your continuance in office and good health.

Cordially,

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March 7, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 28th.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect [REDACTED] advised the Seattle Office on 5-25-65 that he had heard a speech given by James E. Jackson, Editor of the "Worker" and that Jackson had degraded the Bureau and the Director.

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Feb. 28, 1967

Director of F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Are there any documents to show whether or not the National Council of Churches is promoting Communism? How can I obtain such material?

Thank you,

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Feb. 28, 1967

Director of F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs :

Are there any documents
to show whether or not the
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promoting Communism? How
can I obtain such material?

Thank you,

[Redacted signature and address]

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 23rd, with enclosure.

In response to your inquiry, Miss Lola Belle Holmes furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1956 to 1963. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning Miss Holmes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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- Tolson
- DeLoach
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- Holmes
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February 23, 1967

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

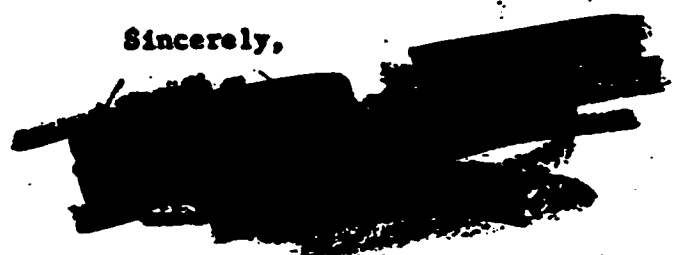
Gentlemen:

Our office was advised by your New York City Bureau to send you the enclosed flyer in the hope that public information on this woman was available. The name was not familiar to your New York Office nor was I able to find anyone here in our organization who could give me any help.

Miss Holmes has been speaking in Roswell, New Mexico and has indicated that she is anti-National Council of Churches. Our women in New Mexico are concerned for they feel she has an erroneous idea about the work of the Council. I find it difficult to answer their questions as I do not know this woman.

We would be most grateful to any assistance you can give us.

Sincerely,



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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

IS THE "CIVIL RIGHTS" MOVEMENT DIRECTED FROM THE KREMLIN?

For the Answer HEAR

Lola Belle Holmes

Subject

"Why I Became a Communist for the F.B.I."
FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD



Lola Holmes, a negro, devoted seven years of her life to working within the Communist Party for the F.B.I. While in the Communist Party, Miss Holmes carried out Moscow orders to gain control of the "civil rights" movement and to use it as the torch to light a fire of revolution in America.

Her energy and ability quickly propelled her into top leadership positions in the Party where she served as a national officer for the Negro Commission of the Communist Party. Lola Holmes left the Party in 1953 to testify before the Subversive Activities Control Board against Claude Lightfoot, Chairman of the Communist Party in Illinois.

Learn why this patriotic woman, who has already given seven years of her life to exposing communism for the F.B.I. is now working night and day warning her fellow Americans of the holocaust that awaits them if they do not learn of communist plans for victory in America through civil turmoil.

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1000 NORTH RICHARDSON AVENUE • ROSWELL
THURSDAY, FEB. 14th - 8:00 P.M.

February 20, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of February 13th.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the United Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. United Council of Churches is known in Bufiles as the National Council of Churches.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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February 13th, 1967

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Discussion has arisen in our Church as to the activities of the World Council of Churches or the United Council of Churches, especially as to their being infiltrated with Communists or being Communistic inspired.

Will you please give me such information as you can regarding these organizations, as to their activities, especially regarding the Freedom Marches, their participation therein, and as to their Communistic leanings. Also, if you can release such information as to their being infiltrated with Communists.

Any information you can give me regarding above will be greatly appreciated. I, for one, am strongly against their activities, and their teachings.

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Yours truly

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February 23, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 16th has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 16, 1967

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

 I am writing you for some information in regard
to the National Council of Churches.

The church I attend does not belong to the NCC,
however, recently the proposal has been presented to the member-
ship to associate ourselves with the NCC.

I have heard some disturbing report regarding this
organization and therefore I decided to ask you if you could assist
me in learning more about it before a vote is taken.

I will appreciate anything you can tell me.

My very best regards,



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February 16, 1969

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing you for
some information in regard
to the National Council of
Churches.

The church I attend does
not belong to the NCC, how-
ever, recently the proposal
has been presented to the
membership to associate
ourselves with the NCC.

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My very best regards,



TC 2-21-67-mif

Oct: 2-23-69

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February 23, 1967

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[Redacted address block]

Dear

I have received your letter of February 15th.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Name obtained from the telephone directory.

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Feb. 15, 1967
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Dear Sir:

I am interested in some information on the
National Council of Churches.

Please send me anything on that subject.

Sincerely
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Feb. 15, 1967

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Please send me any thing on that subject.

Sincerely

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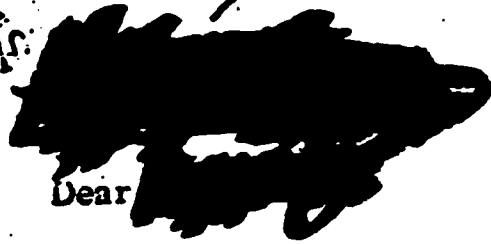
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February 17, 1967

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Bea P. ...



Dear

I have received your letter of February 12th and was pleased to learn you enjoyed reading my book, "Masters of Deceit," and that it was of help to you in learning about communism.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] and the booklet, "Things You Should Know About Subversive Influences In Methodism," has previously come to the attention of the Bureau.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
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February 12, 1967

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Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

May I take a few moments of your valuable time to ask you some questions which are of great concern to me?

This area of concern to me is the National Council of Churches and what appears to me to be subversive influences in Methodism and other denominations of the Protestant faith. There are many in my Church who would question the actions of the National Council in true Christian spirit, but so many others who would laugh about "witch hunting" and fanaticism have certainly deterred them. What is most disturbing has been the public "Smearing" of any individual who will not be silenced without some reasonable explanation.

Recently the General Director of the Cleveland Council of Churches unleashed an attack on the American Council of Churches and a local Baptist Minister which was a far cry from Christian brotherhood and charity. Also, his views were published as "news" in the largest Cleveland newspaper. This method of smearing the people who question and not giving the answers lead one to suppose that the answers cannot be given. And in my opinion there are far too many Ministers who have been using this technique who are executive board members in the N.C.C.

I have read your excellent book "Masters of Deceit" and consider it to have been a fine credit to my knowledge. It was the Chapter on how to spot the Communist line that got me to wondering seriously about the N.C.C. Could you tell me if you, too, feel that there is a definite pattern developing? The part that is so terribly shocking to me is the consistency of all the recent "pronouncements" the N.C.C. has been issuing to the Press, which I think are the current Communist line.

Mr. Dalton J. Woods and a panel of laymen of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana compiled a booklet entitled "Things You Should Know About Subversive Influences In Methodism". According to this booklet the Methodist Church campaigned actively for 9 of 15 Communist Goals the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation stated in 1961. This panel listed publications of the Methodist Church and other forms of activity the Church took supporting these nine Communist goals.

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Could you tell me if there is valid reason for concern about this situation? If so, what can I do to help correct it and how can I best help others to become aware of the danger of apathy?

Could you please send me information on the current Communist line?

I shall certainly be grateful to you for your reply concerning this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


February 15, 1967

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Dear [redacted]

Your communication of February 10th has been received.

In response to your request, information in FBI files is confidential, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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I regret I am unable to advise you of any source where you can obtain the information you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent. Donald R. Lash is a former SA who EOD 8-11-41 and retired 1-4-63. He is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Baltimore

A PROMINENT LEADER FOR

The National Council of Churches of Christ

now describes Communism as a faith. Dr. John C. Bennett, President of Union Theological Seminary in New York, the largest protestant theological seminary in the United States, in his book "Christianity and Communism Today" on page 185 states:

"There is no other faith which can compare with Communism except Christianity."

This is in line with the teaching of Dr. Harry F. Ward, the Methodist minister and an identified communist who taught so many years at this same seminary and may explain Dr. Bennett's actions at the World Council of Churches Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in July, 1966.

The Communist publication The Worker, of July 31, 1966

gave front page coverage to resolutions passed at the meeting of The World Council of Churches condemning the policy of the United States Government in Vietnam. We are advised by those in attendance that Dr. John C. Bennett along with the Communist Metropolitan Nikedim assisted in writing the resolution of condemnation which has been used for propoganda purposes by the Communist Party on a world wide basis.

Triennial Convention of the National Council of Churches

Once again resolutions were passed at Miami, Florida by the church leaders condemning the policy of the own government and The Worker, the publication of the Communist Party U.S., gave it front page coverage with these headlines (issue of Dec. 13, 1966) - "National Church Body Rejects Johnson's Vietnam War Line". Vice President Hubert Humphrey spoke at the convention only to hear the administration soundly condemned. He even pleaded for their support.

Communist Evaluation of Propaganda

"As Soviet power grows, there will be greater aversion to Communist parties everywhere. So we must practice the technique of withdrawal. Never appear in the foreground; let our friends do the work. We must always remember that the sympathizer is generally worth more than a dozen militant communists. A university professor, who without being a Party member lends himself to the interests of the Soviet Union, is worth more than a hundred men with party cards." - Georgi Dimitrov, Lenin School of Political Warfare. See Congressional Record page 17719.

The National Council of Churches, claiming to represent over 41,000,000 American protestants, which in turn is aligned through an organization called "The Coalition of Conscience" under the leadership of Walter Reuther, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Dr. Martin Luther King are going to be, and in fact already are, pressuring the Administration to withdraw from Vietnam and use the funds that we have been using to contain the Communists to expand the domestic "War on Poverty Program". These powerful forces working from within our Country are the most effective propogandists that the World Communist Movement has ~~NOT RECORDED~~ definitely help the Communists, is this not treason?

The Reuther-Meany Battle within the Labor Movement

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Walter Reuther has condemned Mr. George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO for his inflexible anti-Communist stand. Mr. Karl Prussion, former F.B.I. undercover agent, reports that Moscow issued a directive the Communist Party U.S. in 1938 directing the Party to back and support Walter Reuther. Reuther also has the backing of The National Council of Churches and the "Left-Wing" negro leadership. It is now predicted that the old C.I.O. Unions, will, through the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO, follow the "Left-Wing" or pro-Communist leadership of Reuther, while the A.F.L., Craft Unions will follow the anti-Communist leadership of George Meany. Only time will tell if this will lead to a break up of the AFL-CIO. The churches have chosen to follow the pro-Soviet route with Reuther. If your denomination is a member of the N.C.C. you are supporting the pro-Soviet position. Order our Publication No. 122 (4 pages) giving Reuther's background (25 copies \$1.00)

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The election of November 8, 1966 was a shock to the Church-Labor-Negro Coalition, but within a few days they were starting to rebuild their fences by organizing a new attack on Conservatives. The New York Times of November 19, 1966 announces the formation of a new group to fight the "EXTREMISTS". It is called "Institute For American Democracy". Now let us take a look at some of the leaders, 47 of whom are named in the N.Y. Times article:

DR. FRANKLIN H. LITTELL, Chairman - President of Iowa Wesleyan College of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Dr. Littell has served in an official capacity with the subversive Methodist Federation for Social Action. - See our Publication No. 87 for detailed information.

MR. WALTER REUTHER - President of the United Auto Workers and of the Industrial Union Department of the AFL - CIO. Mr. Karl Prussion, former F.B.I. undercover agent, reports that Moscow issued a directive in 1938 to the Communist Party, U.S.A. to support Reuther. He has a long and close affiliation with the National Council of Churches. - See our Publication No. 122 for detailed information.

DR. ARTHUR LARSON - Former Director of U.S. Information Agency. Launched the "National Council for Civic Responsibility" which was announced in the October 10, 1964 issue of "Information Service", an official publication of the National Council of Churches. This issue was entitled "The Radical Right". The President of the National Council of Churches was listed as a member of the new organization. The purpose was to smear Barry Goldwater and influence the election. It went out of business a week after the election. It was primarily financed (\$60,000.00) by the Democratic National Committee and Walter Reuther's Unions.

DR. JOHN C. BENNETT - President of Union Theological Seminary, where the Methodist, (identified Communist) Dr. Harry F. Ward taught for so many years. Dr. Bennett in his book, "Christianity and Communism Today" on page 185 states:

"There is no other faith which can compare with Communism except Christianity." This tends to place Communism and Christianity on a par.

DR. KIMBALL WILES - Dean of the College of Education - University of Florida. Dr. Wiles has for years been known and described by his associates at the University as a supporter of "Left Wing" or liberal causes.

HARRY ASHMORE - Director of "The Center for Study of Democratic Institutions" of which U.S. Supreme Court Justice, W.O. Douglas is Board Chairman. The Center is closely affiliated with Walter Reuther. The Center has published a pamphlet "The Corporation and the Union", written by Walter Reuther and the President of the National Council of Churches. Its Vice President, W. H. Ferry is also connected with the left wing "Fellowship for Reconciliation". Clark Kerr, President of the University of California at Berkeley, Henry Luce, publisher of Look Magazine and Reinhold Niebuhr are consultants for the Center while Dr. Linus Pauling and Bishop James A. Pike are on the staff. - You should get the idea.

RALPH MCGILL - Publisher of the Atlantic Constitution - Atlanta, Georgia. "Nuff Said".

DR. MARTIN E. MARTY - An editor of Christian Century, the un-official publication of the National Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Movement.

Communists are not likely to be considered extremists by the above organization.

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S. and Walter Reuther, ever since the 81 Communist Parties from around the world met in Moscow in December, 1960, and issued the Communist Manifesto of December 5, 1960 calling for the complete elimination of Anti-Communist programs in the Military, the schools and public meetings, have been telling the American public that the danger to this country is not from the Communists but from the Anti-Communists or the Rightists. The National and World Council of Churches are part and parcel of the One-World Socialistic Society which has full Communist Party support. The Party has found the World Council and National Council of Churches to be its most effective propagandist. The July 10, 1962 issue of The Worker said to the Churches, "You may call it the Kingdom of God on Earth, we call it the Cooperative Commonwealth; what matters names, if we mean the same concrete things?"

COME YE OUT FROM AMONG THEM, OR LEARN TO COUNT RUBLES. IT IS THAT SIMPLE.

Institute for American Democracy, Inc.

The Chairman Franklin Littell has been exposed as a member of Communist front organization - The Methodist Federation for Social Action, It anticipated that there will be no Communists exposed as extremists by this group.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1966.

New Group to Fight Extremists on Left and Right

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 —

A new organization took out today after the radical right and the radical left and said it intended to keep after them full time.

Calling itself the Institute for American Democracy, Inc., the organization say it had a committee of 48 persons, composed of prominent church, business, education, labor union and public service leaders, along with figures from both major political parties.

Heading this effort as chairman is Dr. Franklin H. Littell, president of Iowa Wesleyan College and former senior Protestant adviser to the United States High Commissioner in Germany. Charles R. Baker is the executive director.

Dr. Littell said during a news conference at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel that the institute "grows out of the concern of informed Americans over the rising volume of extremist activity, particularly by organizations in the John Birch Society orbit."

Interlocking Directorates

Dr. Littell, an ordained Methodist minister, said the Birchers had established "an interlocking directorate with Liberty Lobby, Americans for Constitutional Action, the Church League of America and a dozen other radical right groups, including several with daily or weekly radio programs."

He continued:

"They are in the vanguard of the biggest effort to brainwash a substantial portion of a population since Hitler's backers helped pave that paranoid's path to power with an aggressive propaganda campaign."

Dr. Littell said these persons sometimes were referred to as "boots" but that his experience in Germany and elsewhere "convinces me that both the Communist and the radical right leaders are playing for keeps. They are flesh eaters."

The institute said a principal function would be to provide "open groups with facts to combat extremists who tried to take over Parent-Teacher Associations, schools, town meetings and library boards, and to eliminate or discredit ideological, religious, trade union and public service associations. The group has established headquarters at 1230 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington.

Dr. Littell said the institute expected to produce educational materials that would make clear

Panel of 48 Religious, Labor, Business and Civic Leaders Pledge All-Out Drive

The meaning of democratic processes and the falsity of charges often made by extremists. There will be occasions, he said, when the organization will demand "equal time" to answer broadcasts.

Budgeting Key Factor

The extent of its work will depend on its budget, which "is in the making now," Dr. Littell said. He declined to discuss amounts and contributors at this time because he said he did not want to subject contributors to abuse. Eventually, he said, the institute's financial information will be made public.

He did not identify any organizations on the left except for the Communists, who he said had "fanned the flames of black power" and had sometimes taken over demonstrations against the war in Vietnam. The emphasis in his remarks and in the literature released was

on the John Birch Society and its associations.

The members of the committee are as follows:

Organization Leaders

Dore Schary, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League.
Morris Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee.
Dr. Irvin Apple, president of the National Education Association.

Dr. David Hunter, deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches.

Ray Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers and vice president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Mrs. Norma Morrison, co-chairman, Committee on Advancing the Democratic Process, Glenview, Ill.

Chairs

Nicholas A. Raymond Grant, president of the National Board of Social Concerns.

Dr. John H. Eurt, Episcopal Bishop of Salt Lake City.

The Rev. Ray Gibbons, executive director of the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action.

Mgr. Salvatore J. Adams, executive editor of the Catholic Star Herald.

The Rev. John B. Sheering, C.S.P., editor of the Catholic World.

George W. Shuster, assistant to the president of the University of Notre Dame.
William R. Cate, executive sec-

retary of the Greater Portland (Ore.) Council of Churches.

Public Affairs

Senator Clifford P. Case, Republican of New Jersey.
Senator Gale W. McGee, Democrat of Wyoming.
Senator Frank E. Moss, Democrat of Utah.
Martin E. Tolson, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Arthur Larson, former director of the United States Information Agency.

Francis Biddle, former Attorney General.

Leon Keyserling, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

Oscar Ewing, former Federal Security Administrator.

Dr. Joseph F. Kerrins, consultant, New England Branch, Washburn, Attleboro, Mass.

Thurmond Arnold, Washington lawyer and former United States circuit judge.

Business and Industry

Jacob Blaustein, a director of Standard Oil Company of Indiana and a former member of the United States delegation to the United Nations.

Oscar A. De Lima, president of the Regar Smith Hotel Corporation.

Ann Spaulding, chairman of the board of the North Carolina Life Insurance Company.

E. A. Hayes, president of the Hawkeye National Investment Company.

C. E. Israel, vice president of Fashion Frocks.

Samuel Dalzimer, vice chairman of Grey Advertising, Inc., New York.

Edwin G. Halperin, chairman of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, Chicago.

Edward A. Ring, president of Circle F. Industries, Trenton.

Trade Unions

James Patton, president emeritus of the Farmers Union.

Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

Education

Dr. John C. Bennett, president of the Union Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Colman J. Barry, president of St. John's University.

Dr. Kimball Wiley, dean of the College of Education, University of Florida.

Dr. William Eaker, dean of the College of Literature, University of Michigan.

George C. Lodge of Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

Daniel Bell, professor of sociology, Columbia University.

Prof. Vernon Nicholson, department of organizational sciences, Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland.

Publishing and Arts

Harry Ashmore, director of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

Ralph McGill, publisher of The Atlantic Constitution.

Wendell Carter, publisher of The Delta Democrat-Times.

Louis Untermeyer, a poet and former poetry columnist to the Library of Congress.

John Gierg, religious news editor, The New York Times.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, literary editor, The Christian Century.

Dr. John C. Bennett says: "The only faith which can compare with Communism is Christianity" - See page 185 of his book - "Communism and Christianity Today."

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Marxists Have A Fertile Field From The National Council of Churches of Christ

Dr. Franklin H. Littell Speaks at N.C.C. Triennial Convention (Dec. 1-7, 1963)

Dr. Franklin H. Littell has gone to considerable trouble to develop the theme that our founding fathers did not found this country as a Christian nation. Dr. Littell is professor of history of Christianity at Chicago Theological Seminary whose president, Dr. Howard Schomer, is listed as a contributing editor of Christian Century magazine. Dr. Schomer headed a group of prominent clergymen who sought the release from prison for Carl Braden and Frank Wilkinson. Both have been identified as communists yet Dr. Schomer in his appeal referred to them as: "Two distinguished protestants political prisoners."

The petition, for the release of these identified Communists, which Dr. Schomer presented to Attorney General Robert Kennedy carried 3000 signatures including many prominent N. C. C. affiliated clergymen — (See Christian Century 12/6/61)

Dr. Franklin H. Littell, a principal speaker at the Triennial Convention of the National Council of Churches of Christ, was one of the prominent N.C.C. clergymen whose activities came to light when the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigated communist activities in the New York area. The information reported below will be found on pages 2120 and 2121 "Investigation of Communist Activities in The New York City Area" released July 6, 1953.

While serving as a member of the executive committee of the Methodist Federation for Social Action in 1944 and 1945 Dr. Littell wrote an article for the official publication of this organization. (listed as subversive) entitled:

"A Cell In Every Church"

Dr. Littell was not referring to a prison cell in case N.C.C. defenders come up with the statement that this is taken out of context as will be noted from the following excerpts:

"The ethical concern grows out of the group. It is not the center which brought the group together in the first place. — The cell is a face-to-face group without turnover in membership. — This working unit in our time is usually called 'the cell', a term describing a living thing which subdivides and becomes a whole body.

"There are some progressive movements today which have rediscovered the importance of keeping the basic unit small if much is to happen. — Action is undertaken with a sense of discipline which can never be attained by an open meeting called in enthusiasm for carrying out of some program. For social action, like the missionary outreach of the group, is conceived as the carefully worked out plan of community purpose — a plan whose carrying power rests in the life of cell, rather than the scattered individual efforts of many well meaning people."

The following is the analysis from page 2121 of the report:

"Mr. Littell, it is plain to see, is a strong advocate of secrecy, on the part of the cell, in the adoption of program leading to action. Why? Because the real motives behind the program is hidden. The tactic of secrecy is followed by Communist Cells in all movements infiltrated and in all front organizations. The Communist not only hide their identity but they never disclose the real reasons and objectives behind the movements they initiate on specific issues and the measures they support and the action they advocate.

"The Cell form of organization, made up of small disciplined group, bound by a common ideology, meeting in secret behind closed doors, is what Mr. Littell favors and which the leadership of the Methodist Federation for Social Action endorses. What is the purpose? Their purpose is to seize control of the Church."

Liberal, Materialistic Theology Carries Over Into Politics

Josiah Beeman is, Director of Education of the Northern California — Nevada Council of Churches. He is also president of the California Federation of Young Democrats who passed the following resolutions at San Diego. — (L.A. Herald-Examiner Sept. 9, 1963). Josiah Beeman is listed as a sponsor of the National Committee to Abolish HUAC, a Communist front — Page 115 Guide to Subversive organizations and publications.

1. Admit Red China to the U.N.
2. Resume Diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba.
3. Withdraw from South Vietnam.
4. Recognition of Communist East Germany and Red China.

Phil Silver, a prominent Democrat of Los Angeles, in the Herald-Tribune of September 12, 1963, had this to say regarding these resolutions:

These resolutions were not intended to safeguard and protect our country, our government or its people. They were intended to give aid and comfort to the enemies of this nation. Middle of the road Democrats are amazed that these young Democrats, masquerading under the banner of the great Democratic Party have seen fit to stigmatize and destroy the reputation of the Democrats as the party of the people. No so called young Democrat who supported or defended this act of perfidy is worthy of public office.

Did the National Council of Churches denounce their leader, Josiah Beeman? They did not. It is common practice for their leaders to support Communist programs and objectives. See below:

Eleventh Fall Retreat — Methodist Federation For Social Action — Oct. 25-26, 1963

Mr. Josiah Beeman was listed as a speaker 10:45 - 12:00 Oct. 26, 1963 and his subject was:

"On Implementing Christian Ideals In Peace and Politics"

Another speaker on the same program was Rev. Jack McMichael, who has been identified under oath as a Communist yet continues in good standing in the Methodist Church serving as Minister to Grace Methodist Church of Stockton California for further details ask for our Publication 62. The Methodist Federation of Social Action is listed as a Communist Front. The radicals have control of the organized church from the top down.

Christian Century magazine, referred to above, is under the control of a Board of Trustees composed of N.C.C. notables including Dr. Eugene Carson Blake. It is considered an un-official mouth piece for the National Council of Churches. The Social Gospel of the N.C.C. is nearer to Marxism than it is to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Prominent Clergymen Affiliated With The National Council of Churches of Christ

on October 15, 1963 honored a man described by an agency of our government as one of America's outstanding Communists. This fact was reported in the official publication of the Communist Party exactly as stated in;

The Worker, Issue of July 23, 1963

"Seventy of the Nation's outstanding ministers and rabbis and lay religious leaders, and civil libertarians, are sponsoring a meeting Oct. 15 to honor Dr. Harry F. Ward on his 90th birthday anniversary.

The meeting will be held in Carnegie Hall. Dr. Ward, a Methodist minister and teacher, first came to prominence in the early years of this century, as the exponent of what has become known as the 'Social Gospel' or the need to bring the ethical concepts of religion to bear in the everyday affairs of men and Nations.

The sponsor's list brings together many who have known and worked with Dr. Ward over the years, including the 100 year old Bishop Herbert Welch, who with Dr. Ward, was one of the founders of the Methodist Federation for Social Services in 1907. Besides Bishop Welch, 14 other Protestant bishops are sponsors; the heads or former heads of a number of the country's leading seminaries, together with a representation from their faculties; heads of religious organizations; editors of religious publications; ministers and rabbis; and others who have worked with Dr. Ward."

Dr. Harry F. Ward

Born in Britain, *Ward* came to the U. S. at 17. He was a crony of Eugene Debs, founder of the U. S. Socialist Party and Wm. Z. Foster former head of the U. S. Communist Party. *Ward* traveled to Russia in 1924 and 1931 where he studied Marx and Lenin. Teaming up with Wm. Z. Foster in a radio broadcast in Feb. 1946 he declared that Russia's slave labor camps were in reality nothing more than rehabilitation programs.

Former New York Communist leader, Joseph Z. Kornfeder, testified to the key role assigned to *Dr. Ward* and the Methodist Federation for Social Action which he founded, in spreading Communist doctrine in the United States.

Karl Prussion, former F.B.I. counterspy reports that the Communist Party in Michigan tried to recruit him for the Protestant ministry while *Prussion* was a student at Wayne University. The Communist Party advised that *Dr. Harry F. Ward*, a professor at *Union Theological Seminary*, would make all necessary entrance arrangements at the Seminary.

Joseph Kornfeder stated that he had reason to believe that *Dr. Ward* in 1924 conferred with Joseph Stalin who was very much interested in the living church approach better known as the "Social Gospel" of today as preached by most ministers affiliated with the *National Council of Churches*. *Kornfeder* further stated that there is a question as to whether Stalin learned from *Dr. Ward* or the other way around.

Joseph Kornfeder testified that the international representative of the Communist Party told him "to use *Ward's* preachers" in an attempt to win control over workers in large industrial plants in Ohio.

Benjamin Gilrow, former Communist vice presidential candidate testified that;

"The Comintern leaders were of the opinion that clergymen with *Dr. Ward's* point of view, using the cloak of religion, could render service of inestimable value to the Communist Cause in China and to Soviet interests."

This man, *Dr. Harry F. Ward*, with a record of over 200 Communist front affiliations and citations listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, for over 30 years served as Chairman of the *American Civil Liberties Union*, the same organization which has brought the legal action resulting in the Supreme Court decisions responsible for taking the Bible and prayer out of our public schools.

Dr. Harry F. Ward wrote the original "Social Creed" of the Methodist Church. He undoubtedly has done more to subvert the Protestant Churches of America than any other individual. He is responsible for that apostasy known as the "Social Gospel" in which Stalin himself took a personal interest because it offered a means of using the churches to further the Communist conspiracy. *Dr. Harry F. Ward* is listed in *U.S. Senate Document 117* on page 95 as one of the most typical sponsors of Communist front organizations in the United States, yet on October 15, 1963 this man was honored by prominent clergymen and Seminary faculty members.

We unhesitatingly state that the denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches are well along the road to being servants of the Anti-Christ. There must be some born again Christians left among you in the local churches. Are you going to continue to let your church be used as an instrument of the Soviet conspiracy? May God have mercy on us all if we fail him now.

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Memorial Rites Jan. 4 for Dr. Ward

MEMORIAL SERVICES for Dr. Harry Frederick Ward will be held Jan. 4 in the James Memorial Chapel of the Union Chapel of the Union Theological Seminary, Claremont Avenue at 120th Street, N. Y. City, at 8 p.m.

Speakers will include John W. Bennett, president of the Union Theological Seminary; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of the New York area of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Richard R. Morford, executive secretary of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Others who will participate will be Bishop Herbert Welch, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Church and co-founder with Dr. Ward of the Methodist Federation for Social Service in 1907; Rev. William Howard Melish, assistant director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund; Rev. John A. Collins, pastor of the Jefferson Park Methodist Church; and Rev. Lee H. Ball, executive secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

What was Dr. Ward's worth to the Communist Party?

Georgi Dimitrov made the following statement to the Lenin School of Political Warfare:

"A University professor, who without being a Party member lends himself to the interests of the Soviet Union, is worth more than a hundred men with Party Cards." Congressional Record Page 17719.

A University professor in a Theological Seminary, who was identified as a Communist by the name of Dr. Harry F. Ward has been worth 41,000,000 men with Party Cards. The National Council of Churches has used these 41,000,000 church members to further many, many Communist Party causes. Are you one of this 41,000,000?

See other side for Communist report of Dr. Ward's death.

Loosing Clergymen of The National Council of Churches of Christ and The Communist Party U.S. Honor Dr. Ward

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Dr. Ward, Champion of Democracy

By JOSEPH NORTH

HARRY F. WARD will hold a unique place in the Gallery of Heroes I am compiling. Here was a saint — of a special type. His life came to an end, at 83, December 9, and seeing him in these last years one wondered what breeze would waft him away from this world he loved so well. But men like him have strong roots — they don't waft easy. He was far tougher than he looked. For this saint was a fighting man — frail and slight and modest as he seemed, there was that deep fire inside, which showed only in those sharp blue eyes behind the glasses.

I had the privilege of enjoying his friendship and of working with him during the days of the New Masses especially. He wrote frequently for us in the latter years and I often consulted him on many a vexing question. He always had the time.

He was then some 70 years of age, he had lived and led and stored up a life of experience and sagacity, and he shared it gladly with anyone he felt was on the side of Man. That put you, in his book, on the side of the angels.

HIS CRITERION

If you were committed to humanity he did not require you to join his Methodist Church or its Federation of Social Service which he founded in 1907 and served as its general secretary from 1911 to 1944. He was national chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union for 20 years, from its founding until 1940. The fight of the minority was on his crusading banner.

In his quiet and simple way



DR. WARD

he was a generalissimo against war. This man who taught Christian Ethics at the Union Theological Seminary for 25 years, was also chairman of the American League for Peace and Democracy from 1934 to 1940. Serenely he confronted his detractors on the UnAmerican Committees, standing before them like a modern day Bruno whom they could not burn, and he declared in 1953:

"My judgments and actions concerning political and economic issues are derived from the basic ethical principles of the religion of Jesus, of which I am a minister and teacher." If the origin of his commitment led them to make the charge that he was a Communist, it was a tribute to the ethics of the Marxist philosophy and its adherents. Harry Ward never denied that moral kinship — on the contrary. He told me the last book he was working on might be called "Christ and MARX."

He came to his social views, I recall him relating, when he served as a pastor of his church in Chicago, "near the stockyards," at the turn of the century. These were the years of "The Jungle" which Upton Sinclair and our own Ella Reeve Bloor memorialized. Harry penetrated the jungle and fought for its victims. He never lost his powerful criticism of capitalism since.

This space cannot hold a recital of all the wars he waged — like demanding understanding and cooperation with the Soviet Union, hence his long and energetic affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. He chaired many a mass meeting at Madison Square Garden indicting the Nazis and the native fascists. His last public utterances were against the war in Vietnam: in 1963 he was a signer of an open letter to President Kennedy urging him to end the war in Vietnam.

One of my proudest treasures is a letter from him written in 1963. Though, of course, he knew my basic politics and guiding philosophy from way back, that Christian leader said to this Marxist adherent: "Your writing is as powerful as ever because of its lighting up facts with a glow from their moral significance. I rank you first among the columnists I read."

I carry that accolade as a service stripe, for it came from a commanding officer in the long battle for man's liberation. And I heed his final injunction, his last words to me: "Well, Joe, the biggest battles are still before us so more power and good health to you and yours. As always. . . ."

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ALTER REUTHER'S EXPANDING EMPIRE VISIONS USE OF The National Council of Churches of Christ LEFT-WING LABOR UNION, LEFT-WING NEGRO LEADERSHIP AND NOW, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THROUGH HIS CONTROL OF THE TEACHER'S UNION.

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(An Communist Publication)

1,500 Teachers Map Improved Instruction in Negro History

Walter Reuther has made Cagan a Vice-Pres. of his Industrial Union Department, an indication of Reuther's contemplated use of the Teacher's Union to accomplish his objectives. Reuther's letter to his friends, Melvin and Gladys Bishop dated Jan. 21, 1934 from Busio closed with this sentence: "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America" and was signed "Vic and Wal." One can only wonder if the teachers in our public schools will willingly become a tool of this Socialist. He is using the Churches - the Negroes and now the Schools as he exerts an ever increasing political power.

By ELYDEN JACKSON
WASHINGTON — Thirteen hundred more than the expected 500 teachers participated in the American Federation of Teachers conference on Racism in Education. The meeting, in the Hilton Hotel, took up the problem of omission and misrepresentation of the role of the Negro people in American history.

The Thursday night session, which was informal for early arrival, consisted of a lively discussion between William Melvin Kelly, of the New School for Social Research; John Heath Clark, of Haysco-Art, and Robert Bone, associate professor of Columbia University. Their talks indicated the direction the conference should take.

The question of omission of the Negro's role in history, the lack of good textbooks, the role of administrators and similar questions were brought forward.

FORMAL SESSION

The formal opening session on Friday morning was chaired by Richard Ferris, an AFT vice-president from N.Y., who introduced AFT president Charles Cagan. It was noted that 1000 attending had provided the leadership for the many contributions by the AFT to the civil rights movement.

Cagan spoke of these contributions and pointed out that the union's support of and participation in furthering the movement, as well as its important role in setting up Freedom Schools (in the North as well as in the South) is a clear indication of the understanding of the union leadership of the need for Negro-white unity in ending conditions to "the common Negro."

Clara Davis, the noted orator, using the fact that "the English language is our enemy," pointed out that 60 words associated with whites in dictionaries are associated with "good," and that 60 words associated with blacks are bad, and that the usage and connotations of many of the words in the English language are geared to reinforce the myth of white supremacy and racism in general.

Keith Bland, classroom teacher of N.Y., dealt with the lack of

a meaningful ethnic identification for the Negro.

He stated that all culture, tradition and history had been rubbed from the Negro as a necessary part of enslavement, and that not only did the Southern Negro rebel but the Northern Negroes formed such groups as the Free Africa Society, and included the word Africa in the names of many of the churches they formed.

MYTHS OF AFRICA

In his 20-minute talk, St. Clair Drake visiting professor, Stanford University, took apart the myths usually connected with Africa, showing that the role of the missionaries was equally responsible to the role of the outright colonialism. During the period of European colonialism, to build and reinforce the myths about the African as an excuse to continue exploitation.

As the conference broke up into small discussion groups, two things were apparent. First, that many of the teachers present lacked a systematic approach to the broad question of teaching as well as learning African and American Negro history. Second, there was a lack of understanding, particularly among white teachers, as to how to approach the teaching of Negro history in integrated classrooms where, unless it is done with a certain amount of sensitivity, it can be as harmful as not dealing with Negro history at all.

One white teacher from Chicago, a disciplinary officer in his school, found that in handling Negro "problem" children, teaching about Africa and about the real role of the Negro in American history helped them find their own identity and in many cases lessened the problems. The Negro teachers also stressed the need to give their students "a sense of their history and tradition."

TEXTBOOKS

The most important question of textbooks, their types and what was done with them, was discussed by Mary Brown, who said that the new textbooks that deal properly for the role of the Negro in America were in use. Many of the teachers faced great resistance from school administrators and Boards of Education to the introduction of these textbooks.

They stated that they felt isolated in their efforts to make a breakthrough.

One teacher declared, "I must see ourselves as a part of the Negro civil rights movement. This conference itself is an outgrowth of the pressures that movement has generated, and we must be able to work with that movement in bringing about a change in this area."

The presence of many teachers indicated the growing guarantee on the part of the publishers of the Negro role in the growing demand for new, more meaningful textbooks.

With the discussion groups broke up, many of the teachers asked a point of teaching outside of the school. The demand most often voiced was the need to include Negroes, not in some special section of a book by themselves but as a part of the normal flow of history. And, in particular, that present day struggles be dealt with in clear and concrete terms.

Program also was the request and education shown in two Marxist historians, Dr. W. E. B. Dubois was repeatedly referred to as well as Dr. Herbert Aptheker.

GROUNDWORK

While most of the future work in this area was left in the hands of the Resolutions and Steering Committee, the conference closed with the feeling that the groundwork had been laid in educating teachers as well as students and that important to begin in the history in textbooks.

The final speaker, the Rev. and Walter Fauntroy, St. Albans, summed up the spirit of the conference with the words "the marriage of economic development and racial unity is the goal of the drive for more and more profits on the part of the capitalist class. The main task was to keep white and Negro labor divided, and that while 'white' were taking the profits, they gave the Negro religion and the white man Jesus."

Charles Cagan, the president of this Union, was formerly on the legislative committee of New York Teacher's Union, Local No. 5, which was expelled by George Meany and his Executive Council of AFL-C.I.O. as being Communist dominated on June 7, 1941 - "House Document No. 213 Permit Communist-Conspirators to be Teachers?" Dr. Belle Dodd was Chairman of the legislative committee on which Chas. Cagan served as a member.

Note reference to 2 identified Communists "Dylois and Aptheker."

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A MEANY-REUTHER SPLIT WITHIN THE AFL-CIO APPEARS TO BE INEVITABLE.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, INC.

We predict that the year 1967 will be a year of decision. The rapid growth of the conservative and anti-communist movement has caused concern to the Marxist-Socialist-atheist coalition with its network of organizations and agents. The continued increase in the number of Americans learning the truth about subversion in government, education and religion has resulted in a concentrated effort to halt this trend by an all-out assault on anti-communist organizations and individuals. A stepped-up program is being carried out in every city and town to remove all opposition and the outcome of this drive will determine the future policies of our government and, indeed, the type of country in which we will live. These organizations and individuals dedicate themselves to "fighting 'extremism' of the right and left," but actually they are only interested in fighting the right as they themselves are on the left.

A new organization dedicated to this high-sounding ideal is the Institute for American Democracy, Inc. It was formed on November 18, 1966 and represents a de facto coalition of anti-anti-communist leaders, communist-fronters and some of the usual do-gooders. The national headquarters of this new organization is at 1330 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. (telephone 202, 737-1226). At their initial press interview, which was reported in the N.Y. TIMES of November 19, 1966, their purpose was described as follows: "A new organization took out today after the radical right and the radical left and said it intended to keep after them full time."

However, the chairman of the organization, Dr. Franklin H. Littell, was quoted as stating that the institute "grows out of the concern of informed Americans over extremist activity, particularly by organizations in the John Birch Society orbit." A check of the names of the forty-eight persons listed as members of the committee fails to reveal anyone who has ever shown any signs of "taking out after" extremists of the left. So it is not likely that the activities of this new group of "concerned" Americans will cause the communists and left-wingers any loss of sleep. We can also expect that the "orbit" of the John Birch Society will turn out to be a rather large one in the eyes of these "informed Americans."

Dr. Littell, according to the N.Y. TIMES article, said the institute will produce educational materials "that would make clear the meaning of

democratic processes and the falsity of charges often made by extremists," and that the organization will demand "equal time" to answer broadcasts. Dr. Littell refused to name financial contributors because, he said, he did not want to subject them to abuse. However, he made it clear that the extent of the work of the organization will depend upon their budget which he evidently expects will be substantial since the organization has big plans for this "full time" job. Noting that Dr. Littell failed to mention any organizations "on the left," the TIMES article stated: "The emphasis in his remarks and in the literature released was on the John Birch Society and its associations."

The chairman of this new organization, whose purpose is really to destroy anti-communist and conservative organizations, is Dr. Franklin Hamlin Littell, a Methodist clergyman affiliated with the National Council of Churches. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, an institution which has produced many of the leftist and social gospel clergymen ranging the theological wasteland today. Identified communist, Dr. Harry F. Ward (now deceased) taught at Union Theological Seminary for many years and his influence is very much in evidence.

Dr. Littell originally came from Syracuse, N.Y. where he was born in 1917. He has had a long career as an educator, working with young people. He wrote for the publication, "Social Questions," of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, a cited communist front. His writings were so radical that they received attention from the House Committee on Un-American Activities in their Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City Area (July 7, 1953). In these hearings three articles by Franklin H. Littell, shown as the director of the Student Religious Association, Lane Hall, University of Michigan, were analyzed. The three articles form a series and are entitled "A Cell in Every Church," "Protestantism is a Success," and "Formation of the Group." The analysis reads as follows:

"Mr. Littell's organizational proposals on the infiltration of religion follow closely the cell techniques on infiltration described in the thesis on organization of both the Communist Party and the Communist International.....In his second article.... his views put him in favor of planned economy and in the camp of the Communists who like to call themselves liberals...."

"To carry out aggressively and...y a program to win support among church people for a system of planned economy and to build up opposition to the American economic system, Littell strongly advocates the cell concept of organization, developed by the Communists, as the most important element in the formation of the group...The driving force in the Methodist Federation for Social Action is the small cell that knows where it is going, that is disciplined and the driving force in the organization. The record will show that the cell in the federation consistently follows the Communist Party Line.....That Mr. Littell knows he is writing about the Communist concept of organization is clear from the following words of his article, A Cell in Every Church:

"There are some progressive movements today which have rediscovered the importance of keeping the basic unit small if much is to happen."

"The only so-called progressive movements that are consciously built on the cell concept of organization is the Communist Party, the Communist-front organizations and the trade unions and other organizations in which the Communist cells have gained control....."

"Mr. Littell, it is plain to see, is a strong advocate of secrecy, on the part of the cell, in the adoption of program leading to action. Why? Because the real motives behind the program can be hidden. The tactic of secrecy is followed by Communist cells in all movements infiltrated and in all front organizations. The Communists not only hide their identity but they never disclose the real reasons and objectives behind the movements they initiate on specific issues....

"The cell form of organization, made up of small disciplined group, bound by a common ideology, meeting in secret behind closed doors, is what Mr. Littell favors and which the leadership of the Methodist Federation for Social Action endorses. What is their purpose? Their purpose is to seize control of the church."

This analysis of Dr. Littell's writings does not reveal him to be an enemy of "extremists of the left." Dr. Littell has been senior Protestant adviser to the United States High Commissioner in Germany, and is at present president of Iowa Wesleyan College.

Heading the list of committee members described as "Organization Leaders," we find Dore Schary, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who has a published record of affiliation with communist-fronts. Another committee member with A.D.L. connections is Samuel Dalsimer, listed as vice chairman of Grey Advertising, Inc., New York. He is a member of the A.D.L. Executive Committee. The A.D.L. has been attacking and undermining conservatives and anti-communists for many years so these two men will undoubtedly be quite an asset to this new organization in its fight against "extremists of the right."

Immediately following Mr. Schary we find Morris Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Abram is also connected with the A.D.L. and is

on the staff of the United Nations. Abrams is the man who introduced the draft resolution at the U.N. which could put discrimination complaints under the jurisdiction of a U.N. World Court. Also with the American Jewish Committee is Jacob Blaustein who is listed with the committee members from Business and Industry. He is shown as a director of Standard Oil Company of Indiana and a former member of the United States delegation to the United Nations. Mr. Blaustein is active in numerous international Jewish agencies and was a consultant at the formation of the U.N. in 1945.

From the National Council of Churches comes their deputy general secretary, Dr. David Hunter. Others active in the N.C.C. who are listed on the Institute for American Democracy committee are Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Dr. John H. Burt, Rev. Ray Gibbons and Dr. John Coleman Bennett.

Bishop Grant, president of the Methodist Board of Social Concerns, has been active in the Methodist Federation for Social Action (a cited communist-front) and was reported as signing a protest against the deportation of identified communist, Harry Bridges. Bishop Grant has several other communist-front affiliations according to published reports. Dr. Burt, Episcopal Bishop-elect of Ohio, is reported to have signed a legal brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Rev. William Howard Melish, an identified communist.

Rev. Ray Gibbons, executive director of the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action, was reported as the signer of a letter to President Roosevelt in defense of the Communist Party. He was also the signer of a petition to Congress to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It is understandable that he would want them eliminated as they have a record of his communist-front activities, including a DAILY WORKER (communist) article showing him as the signer of an appeal on behalf of an organization cited as communist and subversive in which they urge a militant foreign policy.

Rev. John C. Bennett, president of the Union Theological Seminary, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has a long list of communist-front affiliations, according to published reports. Among these communist-front activities are the signing of petitions on behalf of convicted communists and atom spies, and attempts to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Dr. Bennett has been vice chairman of the Liberal Party and on the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Socialist Christians.

From the Catholic Left we find Dr. George N. Shuster, assistant to the president of the University of Notre Dame; Rev. John B. Sheerin, C.S.P., editor of THE CATHOLIC WORLD; and Messrs. Salvatore J. Adamo, executive editor of THE CATHOLIC STAR HERALD. Dr. Shuster is shown as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has four listings

of communist-front affiliations reported by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the U.S. Congress. These had particular reference to organizations dealing with youth and which have been cited as communist and subversive.

Rev. John B. Sheerin is well known for his "liberal" viewpoint. He attacked the film "Operation Abolition" in his syndicated column without ever having seen it and is a strong supporter of the A.D.L. Msgr. Adamo has surfaced as a "liberal" Catholic and is aiding the campaign to smear the John Birch Society. In an editorial in his diocesan paper the society was called "a refuge for both hate and distortion."

Another "Organization Leader" listed on the committee of the Institute for American Democracy, Inc. is Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Wilkins has long been active in the Fabian Socialist League for Industrial Democracy and has been shown to have affiliations with cited communist fronts, including one cited as the legal arm of the Communist Party. He has five listings in the Dies Committee Appendix IX alone. Another committee member who has long been associated with the NAACP is former U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle. He has a long left-wing record, having been National Chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and a trustee of the 20th Century Fund of Boston and New York which finances Fabian Socialist activities.

From the Council on Foreign Relations, a sinister organization which promotes world government and influences U.S. government policy so strongly that it is called by many the "Invisible Government of the United States," and which has numbered among its members communists, Socialists, Soviet espionage agents, U.S. State Department officials, U.S. Presidents and top industrialists, we have Sen. Clifford P. Case of New Jersey, former President of the left-wing Fund for the Republic. Also from the CFR are Sen. Gale W. McGee, of Wyoming who has close ties with the A.D.L. and supports its policy of anti-anti-communism; George Cabot Lodge of Harvard University School of Business and Oscar De Lima, president of the Roger Smith Hotel Corporation.

From the left-wing labor hierarchy we have Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers and vice president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, who has been using union funds to halt anti-communist and conservative activity and who was trained in the Soviet Union; James Patton, president emeritus of the Farmers Union, who has been active over the years in a variety of left-wing causes; and Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, who is a former Bolshevik and friend of many past Soviet leaders. He has been an official of the Fabian Socialist League for Industrial Democracy, a sponsor of the Socialist Rand School and the communistic Brookwood Labor College. To

picture any of them seen fighting extremists of the left is really quite amusing.

From the field of business, industry and finance the following have been recruited: C. E. Israel, vice president of Fashion Frocks; Edwin G. Halperin, chairman of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, Chicago; Edward A. Ring, president of Circle F. Industries, Trenton, N.J.; E. A. Hayes, president of the Hawkeye National Investment Company; Asa Spauling, chairman of the board of the North Carolina Life Insurance Company.

Committee members with backgrounds in education are Dr. Irvamae Applegate, president of the National Education Association; Rev. Colman J. Barry, president of St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., a strong advocate of ecumenism; Dr. William Haber, dean of the College of Literature, University of Michigan, Rumanian-born professor who held a number of government posts under the New Deal and who is on the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Kimball Wiles, dean of the College of Education, University of Florida; and Prof. Vernon Mickelson, department of organizational sciences, Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland.

Also on the committee of this new extremist-fighting organization is Daniel Bell, professor of sociology at Columbia University. Bell (born Bolotsky) was a writer for the Socialist NEW LEADER, has been a consultant and board member of the Jewish Labor Committee, was on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union, and is the author of an anti-anti-communist book entitled, "The Radical Right."

Listed with those persons from the field of "Public Affairs" is Dr. Arthur Larson, former director of the United States Information Agency. He is a former professor and was Director of the World Rule of Law Center at Duke University Law School. He was formerly head of an organization with similar objectives and with some of the same personnel as the Institute for American Democracy, Inc., which was called the National Council for Civic Responsibility. Among those who have lent their names to both organizations are:

Dore Schary, Morris Abram, Bishop Grant, Leon Keyserling, Ralph McGill, Jacob Potofsky, Marion Folsom, Dr. John C. Bennett, Dr. William Haber, James G. Patton and Roy Wilkins. The Council for Civic Responsibility was supposedly "non-political" but it just happened to be formed before the 1964 presidential elections and just happened to fold up shortly after they were over.

From the writing and publishing field the Institute has secured Ralph McGill as did the Council for Civic Responsibility. McGill is publisher of The ATLANTA CONSTITUTION and is an ultra liberal who has usually been found in the ranks of the anti-anti-communists. Also on the committee of the Institute are Hodding Carter, publisher of the DELTA DEMOCRAT-TIMES, and Dr. Martin E. Marty, literary

editor of the CHRISTIAN CENTURY. Another member of the committee is John Cogley, religious news editor of the N.Y. TIMES, who is reportedly resigning that position to go with the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. He is a well known "liberal" Catholic and former editor of the left-wing magazine, COMMONWEAL. Harry Ashmore, director of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, is a member of the committee of the Institute for American Democracy, Inc. and was also connected with the Council for Civic Responsibility.

Also from "Publishing and Arts" we find Louis Untermeyer, a poet and former poetry consultant to the Library of Congress. He was a review writer for the Socialist NEW REPUBLIC and is shown as having signed a protest on behalf of the John Reed Clubs, communist clubs named after John Reed who is now buried in a place of honor beneath the Kremlin wall. Many persons since identified as communists signed this protest which appeared in the N.Y. TIMES of May 19, 1930.

Other individuals associated with this new group are William B. Cate, executive secretary of the Greater Portland (Ore.) Council of Churches; Sen. Frank E. Moss of Utah; Marion B. Folsom, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Oscar Ewing, former Federal Security Administrator; Mrs. Norma Morrison, co-chairman of the Committee on Advancing the Democratic Process, Glenview, Ill.; Leon Keyserling, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers; Dr. Joseph F. Kerrins, consultant, New England Birch Watchers, Attleboro, Mass.; and Thurmond Arnold, Washington lawyer and former United States circuit judge. Executive secretary of the group is Charles R. Baker, a public relations man.

Thurmond Arnold has been affiliated with communist-fronts according to the official records of the Dies Committee. For several years he was assistant attorney general of the United States in the anti-trust division which group was headed for a time by John Abt who has been identified as a communist and member of a Soviet intelligence group, according to sworn testimony. Leon Keyserling has been reported as stating that he agrees with all the principles of the Communist Party except that he would not agree on the necessity for a so-called "black belt" or Negro republic in the South. His wife, Mary Dublin Keyserling, was described as follows: "The evidence presented to the Board (Commerce Department's Loyalty Board) shows that Mrs. Mary Dublin Keyserling had been a member of the Communist Party and that she belonged to an unlimited number of Communist fronts." (Congressional Record, April 21, 1952, p. 4153.) Mrs. Keyserling is now a high official in the U.S. Government; she is Director of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor.

In this complete list of the individuals comprising the committee of the Institute for American Democracy, Inc., supposedly formed to fight extremists on the right and on the left, there is not one single

person who has ever been known to fight extremists of the left. There are many who are well known for their smears and harassment of patriotic Americans, known to left-wing liberals such as the persons comprising this group, as "right-wing extremists." The only extreme thing the John Birch Society and most organizations in its "orbit" do is to place loyalty to country over a one-world government. By exposing the activities of those who would betray their country's sovereignty to the power-seeking U.N. clique, they are upsetting some very well laid plans and this must be stopped before the American public becomes aware of where they are being led.

The conservative trend in the last elections has frightened the left-wingers and this new group, which is a coalition of leaders in many different fields (religious, industrial, civic) vows an "all-out drive" which can be aimed only at the conservatives as there is no one associated with it who has ever been a known conservative or anti-communist. There are, however, many who have supported communists and communist-fronts. In the usual manner of the liberal do-gooders, they have tried to cloak their organization with a semblance of respectability and moderation, with an avowed high purpose, but behind its respectable front this organization is just another well organized, well financed attack on conservative Americans who do not like what is taking place in their country and who are trying to do something about it.

Since 1957 will be a year of decision, conservatives must work harder to spread the truth about the plans and personnel of the World Conspiracy. The HERALD OF FREEDOM will be found in the ranks of the so-called radical right, taking out full time after the radicals of the left. We thank our friends for their past support and request their continued help in our efforts to bring the truth to the American people.

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Illinois
Natl. Commander
Disabled American
Veterans



ROBERT KENDALL
Los Angeles, Calif.
author of best seller
(quarter of a million)
book, "White Teacher
In A Black School"

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- Gen. Richard B. Moran
- Billy James Hargis
- David Noebel
- Dr. Fernando Fenabaz
- Gerald Pope
- Charles Secrest
- Julian Williams
- W. A. "Bill" Manahan

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Washington, D.C.
outstanding Republican
Congressman of S. C.



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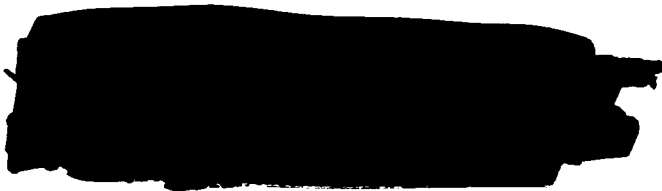
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January 30, 1967

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 24th and want to thank you for your favorable comment concerning our work.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufile. No record in Bufiles is noted for [redacted]

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JAN 30 1967
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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
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- Mr. Conrad _____
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

January 24, 1967

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington
D.C.


Gentlemen:

Would it be within your province to send me information on the possible penetration of the Communist conspiracy with the churches and within the National Council of Churches in America?

Our small local parish has some people who are concerned in this area and have and are withdrawing church pledges because some of their support is going to the National Council of Churches. Since this will create budgetary problems and I feel should create budgetary problems, if true, we must have some factual information. I have read some of Mr. Hoover's factual information in books but I need it in a direct letter if you will.

Thank you for this courtesy and thank you for the fine job being done by your department. May it always be so.

Sincerely yours,


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January 25, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 20th and want to thank you for your kind sentiment and favorable comment concerning my work.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Mr. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington D. C.**

Jan 20, 67

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I realize your time is at a premium - therefor, I know I am presumptuous in making this request, but, I am troubled about this issue and I would appreciate your authoritative comment.

I have read and heard comments regarding the National council of Churches (Robert Grant, Stewart McBurnie) Simply and directly are they affiliated in any way with subversion? For the peace of mind and security of my family I would like to know.

Congratulations on your unflinching and courageous stand regarding all moral and patriotic issues - You are a bulwark between between God and man and His enemies-

Would that there were more men of your calibre!

May God bless all your efforts - I am sure history will record your greatness.

Sincerely and humbly

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1/21/67

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Jan 20, 67

National Council of Churches
Dear Mr. Hoover;

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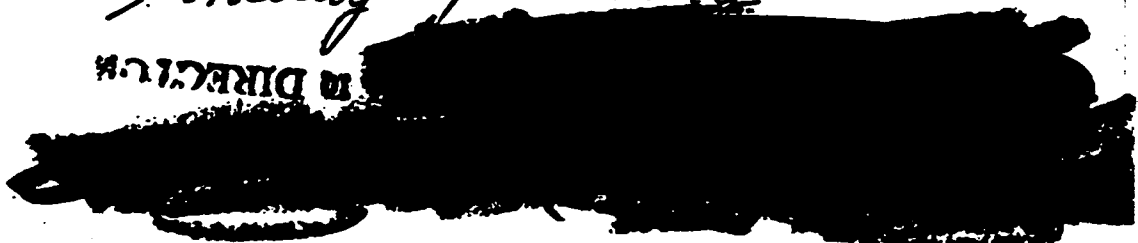
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January 19, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of January 18th.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

January 13, 1967

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J. Edgar Hoover
 United States Dept. of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you for information concerning the communist movement within the National Council of Churches.

I have been doing some reading on the National Council and it's leaders and have become quite alarmed at some of the things I have found. But the minister of my church fully defends and backs the council. Our church is a member of the N.C.C., and therefore we are helping to support it.

I am very much concerned about this and would appreciate any factual information you can send me, including your personal thoughts on the subject.

Very truly yours,

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

January 11, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 7th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Thank you for your New Year's Greetings. It is my hope 1967 will bring every happiness for you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles reflect correspondent was the complainant of a civil rights matter during 1965 alleging he had been threatened with an arrest previously during 1959. Data relating to this matter was made available to the Department, and no further investigation was requested. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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January 7, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Included in my gratuitous services is the editing of a monthly publication for my church, Calvary Lutheran of [REDACTED]. Deeply aware of the responsibilities incumbent with any writing assignment I am always anxious that my views shall be weighed with the judgment of respected and informed sources.

Within The American Lutheran Church a dialogue is underway as a prelude to a decision on membership in the National Council of Churches. I hold views that are strongly opposed to many of the functions of the N.C.C., particularly its emphasis on the church and its relationship to the socio-political issues of the day. The statements of some N.C.C. spokesmen leaves me with concern of its loyalty to God or Country.

Before voicing my views editorially, I must know whether my views are substantive, or simply conclusions resulting from disadvantaged observations. The limited influence which my views might have on other parishioners does not detract from the obligations of the writer.

It would be sincerely appreciated, Mr. Hoover, if you could furnish me with data on the National Council of Churches and/or refer me to another reputable authority that would assist me in preparing an editorial that will be forthright and just.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your staff for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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January 11, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 6th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy.

The FBI does not have a list of organizations such as you mentioned which I can send you. You may wish to refer to a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Perhaps you will be able to secure a copy of this booklet from your school or local library.

Enclosed is some material on communism which I hope will be of assistance in your study of this topic.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Tolson
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Enclosures (2)
Director's statement concerning 18th National Convention, CP, USA
What Young People Should Know About Communism
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January 6, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a senior in high school and I am taking a course called Problems. This course includes a semester of Americanism vs. Communism.

My teacher says that the NAACP is not only a Communist-infiltrated organization, but a Communist Front organization. She also claims that the F. B. I. has proved that the National Council of Churches is Communist-infiltrated, and that most of the riots around the country (Watts, Berkley, Harlem) are Communist backed and inspired. M

My father says that these two organizations are not Communist-infiltrated and that while there are, no doubt, people connected with the National Council of Churches with Communist leanings, if not allegiance, that Council cannot in any real sense be considered controlled or substantially influenced by Communists. REC-3

Would you please tell me what the F. B. I. has found concerning the NAACP and the National Council of Churches? Also, would you send me a list of organizations considered Communist controlled or otherwise subversive?

Thank you very much.

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Sincerely yours,
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Dear [REDACTED]

On December 29th, I received the birthday card from you and your husband together with your note, and I want to thank you for the kind sentiments. You may be assured your remembrance on this occasion means a great deal to me.

I am glad to know of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit." You may wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. This book may be available at your local library.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is literature containing suggestions all of us can use in combating the insidious threat of communism.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (2)
Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It
One Nation's Response to Communism

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just finished your book "Masters of Deceit". Only wish I had read it sooner.

Is there anything a housewife can do to help combat Communism? What about the National Council of Churches I belong to a church which is a member of this organization and it disturbs me very much. Can you enlighten me on this?
Thank you.

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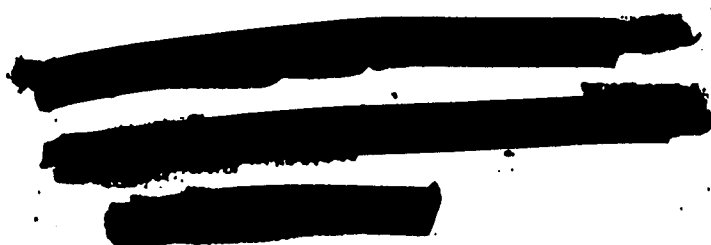
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*Congratulations
and best wishes
on your Birthday*



December 8, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 29th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

We do not issue clearances or nonclearances of any sort. In view of this you may be assured I did not make the statements attributed to me regarding the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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- Mr. Tolson
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DEC 16 1966 ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

[REDACTED]
November 29, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Never in my 51 years have I been so confused as to what to believe! I would appreciate a statement from you, more than I can say, as to your opinion on the infiltration of Communism in the National Council of Churches.

One place I read, some one quotes you as saying that nearly all of the objectives of the Communist Party have been aided or carried out by the Council. And other people have told me that they have seen statements that you have issued that cleared the Council of any infiltration.

I am sure there are many people today in the United States, who, like me, would like to read a statement from you on this.

If at all possible I would appreciate a reply to this.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 10th.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles other than last outgoing to him dated 9-2-66 which was a letter in reply to his forwarding a form letter distributed by [REDACTED]

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November 10, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You were most kind to respond very quickly to a recent communication. I wonder if I may impose on you again.

There is an element in our community, as in all communities, I am sure, which is trying to defeat the efforts of the NCC by so called documentary proof of communistic infiltration within the personnel structure of the NCC.

Dr. David Hunter of the NCC was in our Parish recently and convinced all except a few extremists that there is absolutely no validity to these accusations.

To support Dr. Hunter's remarks I would appreciate a brief statement from your office in regard to this matter.

Such a statement from you would be extremely helpful to me and I believe quite convincing to some of our overly conservative citizens.

Sincerely yours,

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File # 11-23-66

November 8, 1966

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Dear 

Your letter of November 2nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or "Sovereignty of the United Church Women."

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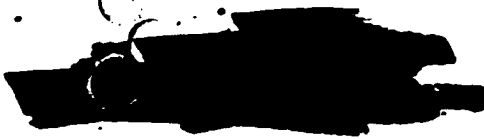
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November 2, 1966

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

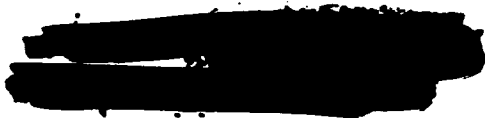
Have you read the article "Sovereignty and The United Church Women" by Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, and can you tell us whether what he claims is true in that the National Council of Churches is Communist and the information they feed us is Communist propaganda.

Our small Circle has recently joined the United Church Women, and after reading this article we are concerned about using their literature in teaching our children in the Church School.

In these times you don't know who to turn to for a straight true answer, and our little group thought that you might help us out.

Any information you can give us will be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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November 8, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 2nd.

In response to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, I must advise information contained in our files is maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this organization.

In connection with your request for a list of organizations which support the communists, this Bureau does not have such information available for distribution. You may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited as subversive by various state and Federal agencies. A copy of this document can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent, and no derogatory information concerning the Southern Baptist Association. The National Council of Churches is well-known to the Bureau.

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Number 2, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to see if you can, or will affirm or disprove a statement that I heard recently. Someone told me that The F. B. I. has found the National Council of Churches to be a Communist front organization. I understand also that the Southern Baptist Association supports this organization.

Me, being a loyal, patriotic citizen of the United States, I would like to know that none of my money or my friends money ends up in Communist hands. I think this is something that every citizen has the right to know.

Also, if possible, I would like to know of other organizations that have been found to be supported by the Communist, or ones connected with the Communist in any way.

Your reply to this letter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 2nd has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The National Council of Churches has been the subject of a number of public inquiries and is well known to the Bureau.

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Nov. 2, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I am a Presbyterian who has become extremely concerned about the National Council of Churches. All the information I can find concerning this organization leads me to believe that it has been deeply infiltrated by the Communist Party.

A number of us in our church are trying to spearhead a drive to have our church drop out of the N.C.C. However; it takes quite a mountain of facts against an organization to convince some people.

Would you please send me all the information you can concerning the N.C.C. ,especially its involvement with different communist or communist front organizations.

Yours very truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

November 7, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 1st has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy, and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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November 1, 1966

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a Christian Church minister who has served [redacted]

I live in a community where a well organized and timely vocal group is using every means possible to convince people that the N.C.C. is under the control of the communist. I have shown them statements attributed to you, such as "I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any other time, have I made any statement criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches." (In reference to remarks made before the House Committee on Un-American activities, March 28, 1947)

This local group will not accept this statement because the only source is from material that speaks favorable of the N.C.C. at the present time they are showing the film "Crisis in our Churches" (Publius and Associates) that relies heavily on a quote from you, which is no doubt accurate in the context in which you made it, but they use it to infer that the National Council of Churches is infested with communist and communist sympathizers.

I know that it is a lot to ask, but since this forum group is causing many people to withdraw from their Church, as a favor to me and other ministers in our city, would you please send me a personal letter as to any evidence you may have as to communist infiltration in the Churches, especially in the National Council of Churches.

As a local minister who represents my Church nationally on the Board of the F.C.C., I am concerned about the threat of communism, but I am also concerned about the weakening of our Churches which are a bulwark against communism. These people who cause others to withdraw from the Church over unsubstantiated claims of communist infiltration are, in my opinion, doing more harm than good. Can you help us?

Sincerely,

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October 28, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 24th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. On the basis of information furnished, John Rogers is not identifiable in Bufiles. "Christian Magazine" mentioned by correspondent may be identifiable with "The Christian," which is an international weekly of the Disciples of Christ. Our files contain no derogatory information concerning "The Christian." The quotation mentioned by [REDACTED] to the effect the Director has not made any statement criticizing the National Council of Churches is accurate. We have received numerous public inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would greatly appreciate
any information you can
give me on the following
subject:

In a recent debate, an
article by John Rogie,
Silva attorney, published
in the "Christian" magazine,
was used to argue for
the National Council of
Churches. You were quoted
as having said "I want
you to know that neither

on this occasion nor at
any other time have I
made any statement
criticizing the Federal Council
of Churches or the National
Council of Churches."

Many of us in our
community have been
alarmed over the socialist
leanings of the N. C. C. and
the many persons connected
with Communist front
organizations who are
in high places in the
organization.

We would very much
like to press how you
feel about this subject
and thank you in

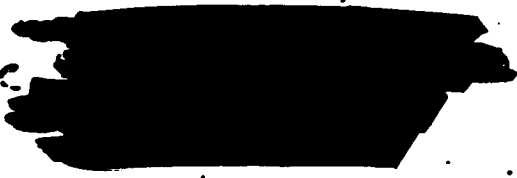
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advanced for you and
and trouble.

Very sincerely,

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October 31, 1966

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Dear 

Your letter of October 24th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Our files contain a number of public inquiries concerning the National Council of Churches.

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Oct. 24, 1966

F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to request a copy of the F.B.I report on the National
Council of Churches of Christ in 1963. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Oct. 21, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: -

I am writing concerning information about the National Council of Churches. I have heard there are people in it promoting wrong ideas & ideals, connecting communism with our churches. I would like information, if this is so, to a number in our church. [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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Oct. 21, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing concerning information
about the National Council of Churches.
I have heard there are people in it
promoting wrong ideas & ideals,
connecting Communism with
such ideas. I would like informa-
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in our church.

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Sincerely,

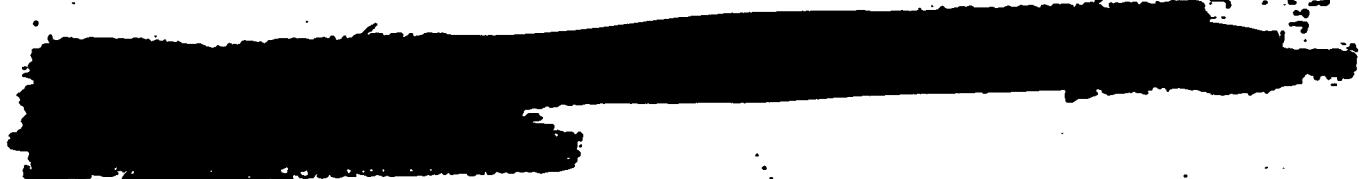
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Dear _____

Your letter of October 18th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or her husband. We have received numerous public inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches.

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October 18, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As I understand several investigations have been made on the possible infiltration of communism and communist sympathizers within the National Council of Churches.

Would you please be kind enough to send me your findings.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of October 11th.

While I wish I could be of help in connection with your inquiry, it is not possible for me to do so. You may desire to contact the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515, for any information that Committee may be able to furnish you concerning the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [Redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List, and Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning him. By letter of 9-29-66, he requested information concerning the National Council of Churches, and our outgoing of 10-5-66 advised him of the confidential nature of information in Bufiles and expressed the hope he would not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

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October 11, 1966

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C., 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was most appreciative of your immediate and most positive response in your letter dated October 5th. I would like to ask further favor of you, because we who serve as clergy in the South Florida area of the country are going to be bombarded with negative attitudes towards the National Council of Churches between now and the time that they meet in the early part of December in Miami Beach. With this in mind, I would appreciate anything you could do for me to help me be able to have adequate answers. I realize fully that the files of the F.B.I. are confidential, but it seems that so often we have information related to us of a negative nature and it, by allusion, sounds as though the F.B.I. and other persons in the Department of Justice point up the fact that the National Council of Churches is over-loaded with Communist conspirators. Since I am a part of the United Church of Christ, I do not feel, from my experience, that this is true. However, it would be most helpful if you would be able to pass on my concern to anyone else in the Federal Government who could give me some assistance at this time. For you see, the reason I write to you is that you are the only one who is respected by those who are on the ultra-conservative fringe of our country. And, therefore, your thought, your wisdom and, of course, your knowledge of the problem can be of great help to us also. I only want to know so that I can be properly informed, and in that way help to properly inform the people whom I serve as a pastor.

Sincerely,

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DANIEL V. HORN, Pastor

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October 13, 1966

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 9th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. You may be assured that I have never made any statement concerning this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Oct. 9, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In publications and papers from various sources, which I thought were dependable, I read of political practices of the National Council of Churches which stigmatize them as being un-patriotic and definitely non-Christian. In a recent National C. of C. publication, there was a denial of these charges and an accompanying quote, attributed to you, saying that you had never criticized the Federal Council or National Council of Churches.

My Church, "Disciples of Christ", is a member of the N.C.C. and I am very much concerned about these charges and if they are true.

I feel that your organization is the most reliable source of information on subjects of this nature. If you have any material or information, bearing on this subject, I will be very grateful if you will send it to me.

Respectfully yours,

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October 18, 1966

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 11th has been received and I want to thank you for your complimentary remark concerning my administration of the FBI.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. You may be assured that I have never made any statement concerning this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Oct. 11, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As a Christian and a Protestant, dedicated to supporting and promoting Christian principles, I am disturbed by prevalent rumors that the National Council of Churches is communist tinged.

Recently at a gathering of Christian women here in San Mateo where I live, the guest speaker claimed to have direct communication from you, affirming this to be a fact. She claimed also to know a man, a member of a group fighting communism, who has done intensive research into the National Council, and has found it to be communitic.

I cannot believe that some of our oldest and most venerated Protestant denominations are guilty of this shocking evil. Hence this letter to you.

In your position of knowledge and awareness on all levels of our national life, you must know what this is all about and if you tell me the National Council is guilty, I shall accept it as factual.

But if these rumors are simply more of the character-assassination fanaticism, as I believe it to be, I feel I owe it to those concerned to do anything I can to expose the lie, and so I ask you for a reply. Either way, I deeply desire to know the truth.

Thank you for your years of devotion to our country's welfare, and may you enjoy many more years of service. We are grateful.

Yours sincerely,
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September 29, 1966

Dear Sir:

We are real proud of you, please continue to fight Communism every chance you can, and please send me all the information you can about Communism. I just read your paper about "God & Country or Communism." I would like to have papers to pass out if you have any kind. Do you have any information on organizations that belong to the National Cancel of Churches, if you do please send them to me. We have started having Anti-Comunist Rallies, the one we had on Tue Sept. 27 was well attended. Some people around here are begining to wake up and fight Comunist.

Keep up the good work. We are praying for you.

Sincerely,



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Sept. 29, 1966

Dear Sir:

We are real proud of you, please continue to fight Communism every chance you can, and please send me all the information you can about Communism. I just read your paper about "God's Country vs Communism"; I would like to have papers to pass out if you have any kind. If you have any information on organizations that belong to the National Council of Churches, if you do please send them to me. We have started having Anti-Communist rallies, the one we had on Tue Sept. 27 was well attended.

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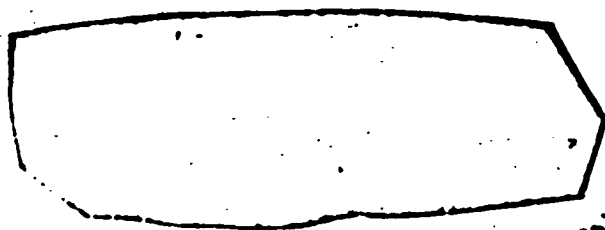
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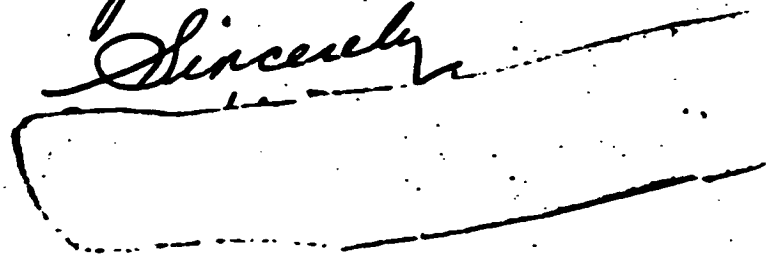
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around here are begining to wake up
and fight Communist.

Keep up the good work. we
are praying for you.

Sincerely



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Oct. 24

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would greatly appreciate any information you can give me on the following subject:

In a recent debate, an article by John Rogers, Tulsa attorney, published in the "Christian" magazine, was used to argue for the National Council of Churches. you were quoted as having said "I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any other time, have I made any statement criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches."

Many of us in our community have been alarmed over the socialist leaning of the N. C. C., and the many persons connected with Communist front organizations who are in high places in the organization.

We would very much like to know how you feel about this subject and thank you in advance for your time and trouble.

Very sincerely,



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